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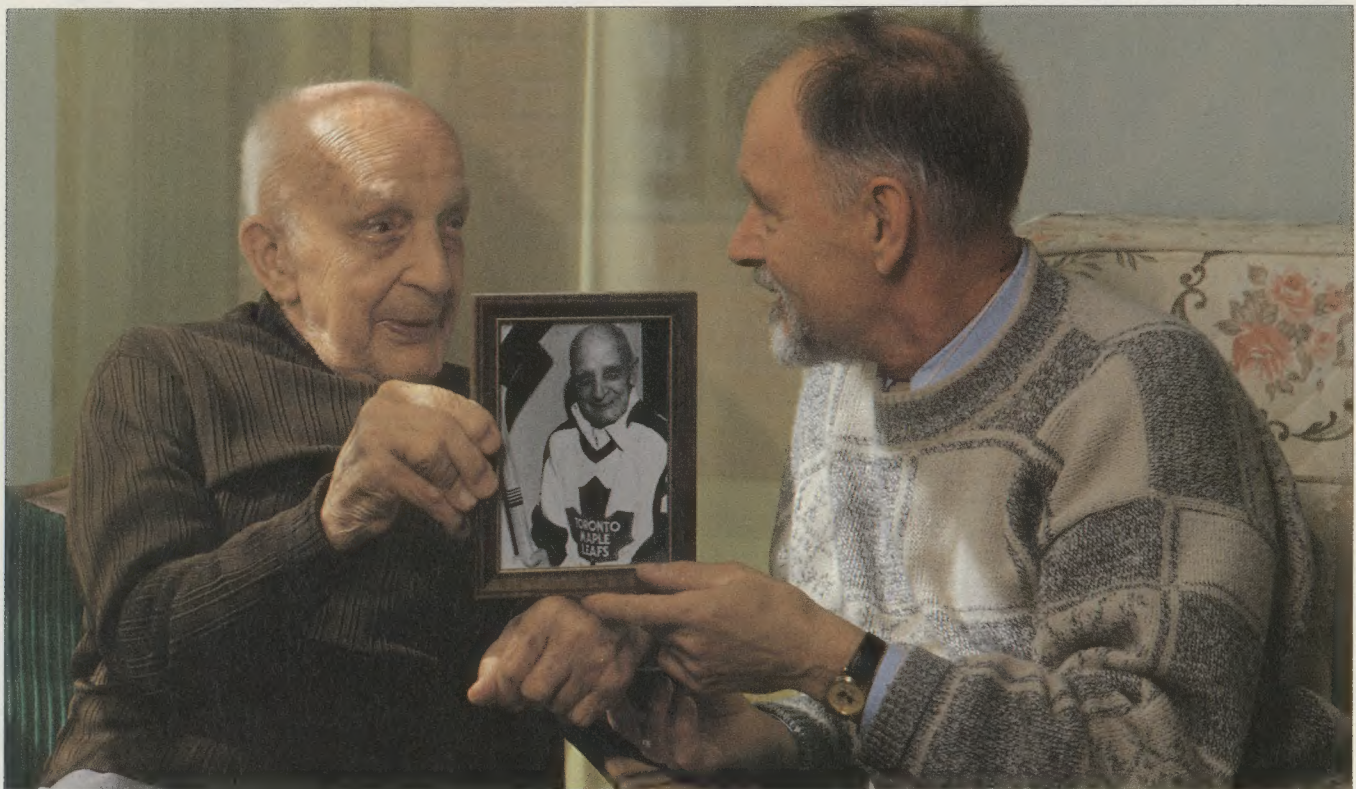
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**B**ecause Reuben Benjamin Sandin cared about his students — genuinely cared about them, knew their names and nicknames — he inspired many of the best to follow in his footsteps, to become chemists. Some of the most celebrated chemists that North America has produced were students of his — Raymond Lemieux and Allen Hay are examples.

And how did Sandin himself get interested in chemistry? When he first came to campus, a painfully shy student, his first chemistry professor made him feel at home: kindness that was to profoundly influence many lives — and chemistry.

Sandin died early this year, as did two others who played significant roles in the history of the University: Silver Keeping and Henry Kreisel. Although I talked with her on more than one occasion, I did not know Dr Keeping well. Henry Kreisel I knew better; he was kind to me when, fresh out of college, I worked for the University's Public Relations Office and he was vice-president (academic).

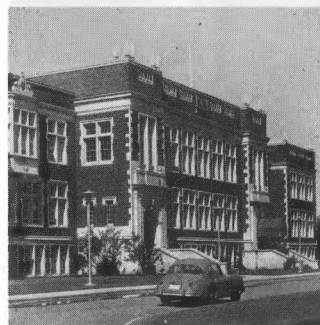
In my column in the Winter 1990 issue, I quoted our Nobel-Prize-winning alumnus Dick Taylor as suggesting that the best

researchers need to be freed from their teaching responsibilities to maximize their research contributions. I fear that I did not give proper context to that remark.

Dr Taylor made the assertion while speaking about the need for adequate financial support for Canadian scientific research. The point he was making was that *at certain times* in their careers top researchers might need to be freed from teaching responsibilities so they can pursue important research opportunities (this is the principle behind the excellent McCalla Professorships at the University), and there must be funding to make this possible.

While I was aware of the context, my reference to his statement could be misleading. Dr Taylor was not in any way advocating the separation of teaching and research. He (as I do) believes the two to be extremely complementary undertakings. Writes the Nobel Prize winner: "My own experience is that there is often a rather strong correlation between excellence in research and excellence in teaching. Research keeps one abreast of one's field and teaching keeps one honest."

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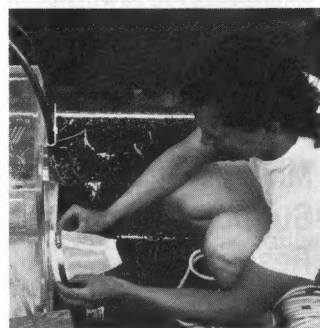
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Historic Corbett Hall is getting a new lease on life. It will reopen in the fall, lighter and brighter than ever

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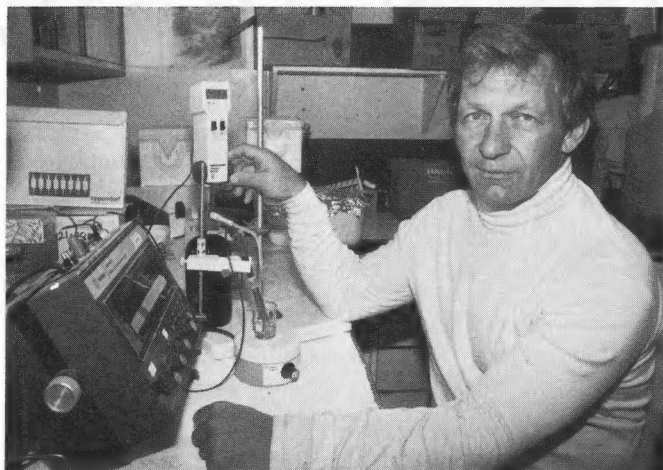
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Water Prize winner Schindler at work in his U of A laboratory.

## U of A Killam Professor to be Awarded Major Environmental Prize

A University of Alberta professor has been chosen to receive the 1991 Stockholm Water Prize.

David Schindler, who holds a Killam Memorial Chair at the University, is to be awarded the \$150,000 (US) prize on 14 August in Stockholm. The prize is conferred annually to recognize outstanding achievement in applied science, technical development, education, training or shaping public opinion in favor of protecting the world's water resources.

Schindler earned his first degree at the University of North Dakota and then went on to do a DPhil degree in ecology at Oxford University. In 1978 he received an honorary doctor of science degree from North Dakota.

Considered one of North America's foremost limnologists, he joined the U of A as a Killam Professor in 1989, having spent the previous two decades as a research scientist with the federal department of fisheries and oceans. His work at the University focuses on boreal forests, wetlands and lakes, and he has published extensively on the ecological impact of acid rain on

Canada's lakes.

The prize he is to receive is given by the Stockholm Water Foundation, whose sponsoring agencies include the World Wildlife Foundation and the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences. An international scientific symposium on environmental issues is to be held in conjunction with the prize ceremonies.

## McLachlan Family Supports Diabetes Research

Diabetes research at the University of Alberta has received a \$1 million boost from a single family.

Gladys MacLachlan of Edmonton, whose husband CF ("Curly") MacLachlan died in March 1989 of complications from diabetes, has donated \$1 million to establish an endowment in their names and to equip a laboratory.

The funding goes to support work in both branches of the two parallel directions that diabetes mellitus research has taken in Edmonton — experimentation and transplantation.

The \$106,000 "MacLachlan Islet Molecular Biology Laboratory" is to be located in the Heritage Medical Research Centre. Under the direction of Drs Alex Rabinovitch and George Molnar, co-directors of the

Muttart Diabetes Centre, its staff will develop and apply new techniques of molecular biology to discover the cause (or causes) of diabetes mellitus.

The balance of the MacLachlan family gift (\$894,000) will create an endowment that will be held by the University of Alberta Hospitals Foundation. Over the next 10 years, the interest from the endowment will be directed to the University to support the work of Ray Rajotte, Garth Warnock and Norman Kneteman, the U of A team that recently performed islet transplantation on three patients to reverse their need for insulin and to prevent complications arising from diabetes, such as blindness, kidney failure and nerve disease.

## Facsimile Accurate to Last Wormhole

A perfect replica of a book that has been described as "the most beautiful book in the world" is now part of the collection of the University of Alberta Libraries.

Copy number 550 of a limited edition of 1,480 facsimile reproductions of *The Book of Kells* was placed in the Libraries' hands by the University's chancellor, Sandy Mactaggart, who made the gift in honor of

**Chancellor Mactaggart (centre) looks on as Librarians Charles (left) and Ingles show off *The Book of Kells*.**



Literacy Year 1990.

The Chancellor described the reproduction, made by Facsimile Fine Arts Publishers of Switzerland, as "accurate to the last worm-hole" in presenting the volume to Ernie Ingles, the University's director of libraries, at a ceremony held on 26 April.

*The Book of Kells*, which takes its name from the Abbey of Kells near Dublin, Ireland, is regarded as one of the greatest illuminated manuscripts of the Middle Ages. The Latin text contains the four gospels of the New Testament as transcribed and painted by an unknown group of Irish monks around the eighth century.

"Because the original manuscript is too valuable and fragile to be handled by even illustrious scholars, this facsimile is a boon to students of medieval art and the history of books," commented librarian John Charles at the ceremony. Charles oversees the Bruce Peel Special Collections Library in which *The Book of Kells* facsimile will be housed.

## Community Affairs VP Named

The University has appointed a vice-president (development and community affairs).

The appointment of John McConnell to this office effective 1 July 1991 was announced recently by the



University's Board of Governors.

McConnell previously served as assistant vice-president, development at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana.

There he coordinated Purdue's fund-raising activities in the areas of major gifts, corporate and foundation giving, the annual fund, reunion class giving, prospect research,



**New VP McConnell will be responsible for community affairs, development.**

donor relations, and development and alumni information systems. He was also responsible for the development officers in each of that university's 15 schools and divisions.

At the University of Alberta, his areas of responsibility include the Offices of Alumni Affairs, Development and Public Affairs.

The new vice-president is a graduate of Indiana's DePauw University who went on to earn a graduate degree in economics and a certificate in Russian and East European studies from the University of Michigan. He joined Purdue in 1984 as director of business relations for the Krannert School of Management, was later appointed assistant dean for development, and in 1987 moved to Purdue's Development Office as director of development. He was named assistant vice-president in 1989.

In Edmonton prior to taking up his Alberta appointment, the new vice-

president said that he wants to play a key role in educating and reminding people inside and outside the University that supporting the University is really like making an investment in their future.

The position of vice-president (development and community affairs) was created as part of a major reorganization of the senior University administration in late 1989. At that time, President Paul Davenport told the campus, "The cap on matching grants, the growing impatience of some of our best supporters with the current decentralization of our fund-raising efforts, and the competition for donations to worthy causes across the country, make this position both important and difficult to fill."

Since mid-1990, the position has been filled on an acting basis by Gerry Glassford, a former dean of the Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation, who agreed to serve in the position for a year while the search for the right individual for the office was launched.

## Accomplishments Recognized at Convocation

Spring Convocation 1991 at the University of Alberta featured the awarding of degrees to more than 4,500 individuals.

Among these were the first-ever graduates from the University's School of Native Studies and 11 individuals whose accomplishments were recognized by the conferring of honorary degrees.

There were two graduates — Murray McLaren of Fort Saskatchewan and Connie Twin of Slave Lake — from the School of Native Studies, which was created in the mid-1980s and introduced its program of studies in 1988.

Among the honorary degree recipients were six

## Around and About

■ As a group, graduates from the Department of Accounting at the University of Alberta are doing the best on the national examination for chartered accountants. During the past five years, U of A candidates achieved a pass percentage of 71 percent on the exam, known to be one of the most demanding professional examinations — a better record than any other university in the country can claim.

■ A faculty member who joined the Department of Chemistry at the U of A in 1987 is a winner in an award competition involving nominations of the very best young scientists in North America. Mark Hollingsworth will receive a \$30,000 Sloan Fellowship to further his research, which explores molecular recognition using solid-state NMR spectroscopy of channel inclusion compounds. Hollingsworth's PhD thesis, completed at Yale University, earned him two major dissertation awards, those of the American Chemical Society and of the Northeastern Association of Graduate Schools.

■ Through their Fund for Undergraduate Medical Education, medical students at the University of Alberta are helping maintain the quality of their education despite the current financial crunch at the University. The fund consists of money donated voluntarily by undergraduate medical students. The first cheque drawn on it was presented to the dean of Medicine earlier this spring.

■ The University has been chosen to house one of five Co-operative Wildlife Research Institutes in Canada. The Institute being established at the University will conduct research related to the production, utilization, protection and restoration of wildlife and wildlife habitats. It will also provide postgraduate training and professional upgrading in related fields.

■ Norbert Berkowitz, a professor emeritus in the Department of Mining, Metallurgical and Petroleum Engineering, was conferred an honorary Doctor of Engineering degree by the University of Waterloo recently.

■ Mechanical Engineering professor Donald Bellow, who serves as the University's associate vice-president (facilities) has been appointed to a further two-year term on the board of directors of the Canadian Council of Professional Engineers.

■ In recognition of their contributions to the development of structural and geotechnical engineering in Brazil, U of A Civil Engineering professors DW Murray and Zdenek Eisenstein have received honorary professorships from the Pontifica Universidade Catolica do Rio de Janeiro.

■ Former Governor General Roland Michener was one of three individuals inducted into the University's Sports Wall of Fame this spring. Michener, who was active in track and field and football on campus, was inducted along with Gary Smith and Ray Kelly. Smith, who excelled in both football and basketball in the 1960s went on to coach those sports at three universities and is now a U of A faculty member. Kelly, who was the University's head athletic therapist from 1961 to 1986, began coaching judo at the University in 1954 and his teams were undefeated in 17 consecutive years of intercollegiate competition.

■ Acting on its desire to be responsive to the community, the University's Faculty of Business has announced that it will begin offering its MBA program in Fort McMurray this summer. It is a joint venture with Syncrude and University initiative — the company is paying the overhead and transportation costs as well as the instructors' wages.

distinguished University of Alberta graduates: Nobel Prize laureate Richard Taylor, Supreme Court Justice Beverley McLachlin, former University chancellor and Alberta Court of Queen's Bench Associate Chief Justice Tevie Miller, University of Alberta professor emeritus of chemistry Walter Harris, eminent cardiologist and senior attending physician at Los Angeles' Cedars-Sinai Medical Center Eliot Corday, and former dean of the University of Alberta's Faculty of Education Walter Worth.

Honorary degrees were also presented to former University librarian Bruce Peel; the person who is credited with getting the Alberta Forestry Service off to an excellent start based on ecological principles, Reginald Loomis; a prominent Soviet law scholar, Alexander Iakovlev; Edmonton broadcaster Peggy Holmes; and Frances Allen,

senior manager of parallel software with IBM Research.

## Kaplan Research Prizes Awarded

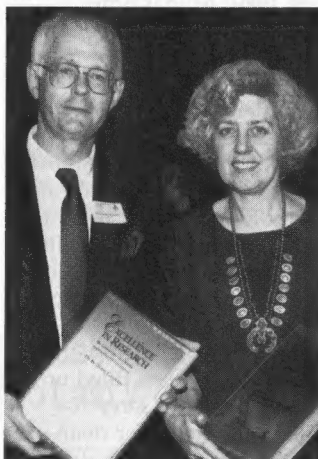
Lyndal Osborne recalls discovering exotic natural forms and patterns on the beaches of her native Australia. They remain a creative inspiration for the printmaker who received one of the two 1991 Kaplan Awards recognizing research excellence at the University of Alberta.

The colleague with whom she shared the Kaplan Awards stage on 13 March works in the realm of complex chemical equations, but chemist William Graham showed that his work is also highly visual. As a result the awards ceremony featured strange and exotic imagery: Osborne's wonderful prints illustrating her talk "Objects of Nature and Imagination" and the brightly colored

models and computer-generated images which helped Graham explain his work in carbon-hydrogen activation.

Osborne, whose art has been featured in 213 juried exhibitions from China to Germany, came to the U of A in 1971, having studied art in her native Australia and having taught high school in Australia, England and

Winners Osborne and Graham.



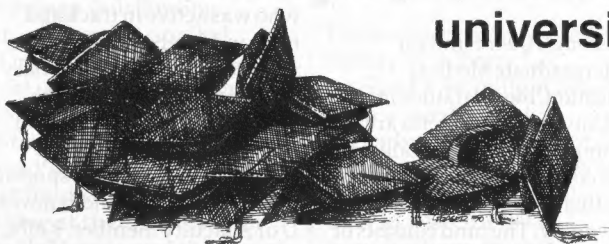
Canada before earning an MFA from the University of Wisconsin.

"My work grows out of a combination of first-hand experience with the forms of energy in the natural world and the evocation of more primitive tribal forms," she told the Awards audience.

William Graham grew up in Rosetown, Saskatchewan and studied at the University of Saskatchewan and Harvard. His pioneering basic research at the University has significant implications for the petrochemical industry, which is based on the conversion of hydrocarbons into chemical products.

Graham, who co-discovered the reaction underlying this area of chemistry independently in 1982, described how certain metal atoms are able to penetrate, unrecognized, the carbon-hydrogen bonds of saturated hydrocarbons, converting them into new and more reactive compounds.

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# Preparing for Another Era of Service

Ned Corbett would be proud. The historic building that has continued his name at the University of Alberta for a quarter century has been completely renewed. Through the sensitive attention of planners, architects and workers in the trades, Corbett Hall has shed its years and regained a youthful brightness and sparkle.

Outside, little hints at the change. With ageless dignity the building of russet brick and Tyndall Mountain stone accents looks across spacious lawns to another era, ignoring the temporary structures clustered at its side and the traffic which scuttles to and from Whyte Avenue. Inside, however, workers put the finishing touches to a lighter, brighter Corbett Hall. It is the old Corbett Hall and it isn't. While the interior has been completely redone — the structure was almost entirely gutted — there remain traces of the original building and its spirit has been so meticulously preserved that even those most familiar with the Corbett Hall of years past are hard pressed to discern the line between old and new.

Although she is quick to share it with others — notably the University planners, the contractor (Aman Building Corporation) and the workers on the job site — much of the credit for the seamless way in which old and new have come together must go to Laura O'Neill, a graduate of the School of Architecture at Dublin's College of Technology who has practised in Edmonton since 1976.

Ms O'Neill, one of the O'Neill's in the Edmonton firm of Wood Gardener O'Neill O'Neill Architects Ltd, refers to Corbett Hall as a "fine old building" and looks upon its revitalization as a "wonderful project." She soon discovered, she says, that "people in the city have a strong emotional attachment to this building."

As the project architect for the renovations she faced the challenge of turning the fine old building to which so many people feel attached into a fine new building to meet the present and future needs of the University's Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine. Her job wasn't easy. Aside from the



In the renewed Corbett Hall, the character of the exterior is reflected in the interior design.

aesthetic considerations, including those peculiar to the redesign of a historic building, there was the more practical problem of space. "The biggest problem we faced," says O'Neill, "was simply to fit everything in."

Early on, it was decided that the interior would be almost entirely rebuilt. "When we looked at the building in detail," says the architect, "we soon saw that it was really the exterior of the building which was special — there was very little inside worth saving." That, she explains, defined the approach that was taken: "The bottom line for us was not doing everything as it was in the old building but rather reflecting the style of the exterior in the interior design. We tried to take clues from the character of the outside, bring them inside and then repeat them," she says.

Despite the extra degree of freedom gained by the decision to completely rework the interior, fitting everything in remained the problem. "We couldn't just take the building and put it through the wringer," says O'Neill. In the end, com-

promises had to be made and some hoped-for features dropped. "The Faculty was really very understanding," she says, praising the valuable contributions that its people made.

Among the particular challenges that O'Neill and her colleagues faced in redesigning the building was its 'E' shape — not an easy configuration with which to work — and the fact that the building gets considerable pedestrian traffic from all directions: the formal entrance is to the east, facing Whyte Avenue, but the major parking areas are located on the south and west, and a great deal of student traffic comes from the campus to the north.

Had the problems of layout and access not been competently dealt with, the building could have lacked the coherence that O'Neill took as a priority. "We didn't want it to be a mishmash — which it was before," she says, her architect's sensibility shuddering at the jumble the building had become as it was conscripted for uses much different from those for which it was originally intended.



The building now known as Corbett Hall began its existence some 60 years ago as the Alberta Normal School, Edmonton, the youngest of the three normal schools organized by the Alberta Department of Education to train teachers for Alberta's schools. Except for two interludes, it would shelter that activity for more than 30 years.

The first break came during the Great Depression. Despite the opposition of school boards and the Alberta Teachers Alliance (precursor to the Alberta Teachers Association) the province's UFA government closed the Normal School for the 1933-34 and 1934-35 terms, reportedly saving \$41,000 each year. The school wasn't reopened until 2 October 1935, the opening originally planned for a month earlier having been postponed because of an outbreak of infantile paralysis.

Only a half a dozen years later, another event on the world stage occasioned a second interruption: during the Second World War the Normal School moved to borrowed space in Garneau area schools, and its home was given over to the No. 4 Initial Training Squadron of the Royal Canadian Air Force.

The year 1945 saw not only an end to the War but a change in the administration of teacher training in Alberta. The responsibility for the education of teachers in the province passed to the University, and the structure which had housed the Alberta Normal School, Edmonton became the University's Education Building, providing a home for the Faculty of Education until the construction of a new Education Building (the South Wing of the present Education Centre) in 1962.

It was the end of an era. With the Education Faculty gone, new tenants moved in. Into the building from which thousands of Alberta teachers had stepped out into their careers came the University's School of Rehabilitation Medicine, the Department of Extension and the Department of Drama, which took over the building's 700-seat theatre.

With the change in occupancy a new name for the building was called for, and in 1965 the "Old Education Building" became E A Corbett Hall. The name, which was selected by the building's tenants, was an acknowledgement of the substantial contributions made to the University and the Prov-

**Corbett Hall's long service to education** has a dimension that is sometimes forgotten: for many children living near the University in the 1930's, the building now known as Corbett Hall was their grade school. During a later decade, it would accommodate University High School.

Integral to the building as originally designed was the Normal Practice School, which occupied the entire south wing. Here, schoolchildren from certain Garneau streets and from homes in the largely undeveloped land south of University Avenue reported for school, and life went on very much as it did at other city schools; the only difference being the periodic visits of teachers-in-training, either as observers or as practice teachers.

Marion Ramsey (Might), '46 BSc(HEc), who obtained her elementary schooling at the Practice School, recalls there being one classroom for each grade from one to nine. The grade one and grade five classrooms, she remembers, were designed with special observation alcoves that could accommodate an entire class of normal school students.

"We felt quite privileged to go there," says Ramsey, "and I think we received a very good basic school training." She adds that the teachers were "handpicked" for the school and were "very good." (She does, however, recall one who was "quite a dilly" — "Not much of the milk of human kindness flowed in him.")

Although the Normal School and the Practice School shared the same building, there was very little unstructured interaction. "We were never allowed into the north wing — it was as if the building was cut in half by a line, and we never really went over the mark."

A rare visit to the north wing occurred when a child was selected to take part for a week or so in the Rural Practice



## Reading, Writing and....

School — a simulation of a country schoolroom in which students of a wide range of ages worked together. "It was a great privilege to go down to the other end of the school," says Ramsey. "I can remember being chosen — it was quite something."

When the Air Force took over the Normal School building during the Second World War, the Practice School was dispersed and it was never reconstituted. When the airmen left, the south wing became the home of the University High School, which had been opened in 1942 in a Garneau-area house. Venor Calhoun, '53 DDS, who went on to study den-

tistry at the University, is a graduate of University High School. "It really was a great school," he says. He recalls that he had been looking forward to attend Scona High and was disappointed at first to find himself attending the University school. "But not for long," he adds.

The school's size made for a good atmosphere, he says. "It was small enough — only about 200 to 300 students at most — that we got a real *esprit de corps* going. And the physical facilities were wonderful — there was a great auditorium a very good gym... It was great. I have nothing but pleasant memories of it."

Doris Rosser, who taught at University High School before it was closed in 1955, shares Calhoun's enthusiasm. "It was a delightful school," she says, "and a very happy teaching situation. Because we were few in numbers, everyone pitched in — everyone was needed."

Among Rosser's particular memories of the University High School are the ambitious yearly drama productions that involved "about half the school," and the special effort that the Department of Public Works made in order to keep the building sparkling: "It was polished to the hilt; even the doorknobs shone."



ince of Alberta by Dr Edward Annand Corbett, who had died the previous year.

A tireless worker for adult education, Corbett had served the University for 15 years and was the director of its Department of Extension before he left for Toronto in 1936 to coordinate and promote the development of adult education in all Canada as director of the Canadian Association for Adult Education. Corbett, it has been said, "believed that learning involved everyone and everything and devoted his life to insisting that others discover and understand this relationship."

While Corbett Hall provided yeoman service through the ensuing decades, maintaining its fundamental dignity despite the contortions called for by changing circumstances, the time came when it was no longer able to provide adequate accommodation to the Faculties it was serving. In 1988 the University secured capital funding to build a new structure to house the Faculty of Extension (the seven-storey, brick-and-glass Extension Centre on the corner of 83 Avenue and 112 Street is now well on its way to completion, and the Extension Faculty is to move in this fall, occupying three floors — the University will lease out the remaining space) and to renovate Corbett Hall to meet the needs of the Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine. The Drama Department's showcase for its graduating students, Studio Theatre, which had continued to perform on the Corbett Hall stage, has found an interim home in the Students' Union Building's Myer Horowitz Theatre and will eventually be accommodated in the Timms Centre for the Arts. This Centre, made possible by a bequest to the University, is to be built immediately south of the Fine Arts Centre, where the Drama Department moved in 1975, and is now in its early design stages.

**Sixty-five years ago** planning for the Edmonton Normal School had just begun, and the site it was to occupy was a low hill that rose above a rough field about 200 metres back of the westernmost reach of Whyte Avenue. In 1936, in an article detailing the history of the Alberta Normal School, Edmonton, its principal, GS Lord, took satisfaction in reporting that "...the old water-hole in front of the site, which long was a mecca for thirsty animals in dry weather, and which with the advent of the city had degenerated into a frog pond, had been filled and now forms part of a terraced lawn."

In the same article, printed in the publication *School Progress*, Lord discussed the design of the school. The Department of Education, he said, desired a building that would adequately meet the needs of teacher training at the time and well into the future. "To this end," he wrote, "they wished to



**Dean Martha Piper and architect O'Neill confer. Probably no building project in the University's history has had a greater involvement of women. Women from Piper's faculty and on O'Neill's project team made significant contributions.**

embody in a building not lacking in beauty the best features of existing or possible normal schools, and the best details of classroom plans that their own instructors and officials could suggest."

The superintendent of schools, Dr Fred McNally — later chancellor of the University — was given the task of visiting a number of normal schools throughout North America. He came back convinced that the building for the new Edmonton normal school should feature an adequate practice school, a library, a gymnasium, single staff offices, and an abundance of accessibility and convenience with a minimum of stair climbing.

To meet these requirements, the architects, DE McDonald and George Heath MacDonald of Edmonton, decided upon a building in the form of the letter 'E' turned backwards. It would be two stories high above a basement only slightly below ground level, and it would be of generous area. The east-facing facade is almost 80 metres long and the two outside wings (the north designed for the normal school, and the south for the practice school) extend for 50 metres. The central wing, which accommodated the auditorium and the gymnasium, is slightly longer.

The building was constructed in a style of architecture which Lord called modern renaissance, but it has also been described as being of English classical styling. Opened in 1929, it was well-appointed within, with specially-designed furniture for the various school activities. The general construction was of reinforced concrete with brick and gypsum tile partitions. The offices and classrooms boasted hardwood floors; the floors of the rotundas and passages were finished with linoleum and terrazzo. Doors and trim were a combination of gumwood and birch — these, wrote Lord, "give the interiors an air of quiet dignity — very satisfying."

Designed to accommodate 500 normal school students, the building was completed for about \$600,000.

**When Martha Piper** walks through Corbett Hall, which is receiving the finishing touches to its renewal, her elation is obvious, the brightness of the building finding an answer in the sparkle of her manner. Piper, dean of the Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine, is plainly looking forward to the fall: after years of making do with less-than-adequate accommodation and temporary quarters, her faculty will be moving in to a home of its own.

The history of rehabilitation medicine, points out the dean, is inexorably interwoven with basements — countless students in the Rehabilitation Medicine professions have trained in university basements and then gone out to work in hospital

basements. At the University of Alberta that is now changing. "As far as I know this is the first time in Canada that an entire building has been designed specifically for a school of rehabilitation medicine," says Piper. "And it is the students who are the winners," she continues, "and they deserve it — we believe that our students are the best in Canada."

Piper praises the efforts of all who were involved in transforming Corbett Hall — the architects and planners, the contractor, and the trades workers, all of whom gave the building their best. "People see this project as something special, different from a new building. It's been fun to see it evolve and feel a part of it," she says.

Many of the workers smile at Piper in recognition as, stepping around the appurtenances of their work, she points out some of the special features of the building's transformation. Most striking, perhaps, is the over-all brightness and feeling of spaciousness in the reworked building. Contributing to this are the high ceiling heights in most classrooms and public areas. These are the original heights, explains Piper. Over the years, the ceilings had been lowered as changes were made to the building systems. Indeed, when the interior was being cleared for reconstruction, drop ceilings were found that had been added below the drop ceilings of previous retrofits.

In the classrooms, the openness of the high ceilings is nicely counterbalanced by dropped lighting and lowered ventilation ducts, which restore intimacy and a sense of scale. Beneath the windows, the heating radiators are neatly hidden below an extended window well. Access to the building now includes a ground-level entrance added on the west between the south and centre wings. Piper points out that—as befits a building dedicated to rehabilitation medicine — Corbett Hall is now almost entirely wheelchair accessible.

While the Faculty's three departments — Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Speech Pathology and Audiology — have their separate administrative hubs, the faculty members themselves have their offices intermixed. A professor of speech, for instance, may well have a colleague from occupational therapy as a neighbor on one side and a specialist in physical therapy next door on the other.

It was a conscious decision, explains Piper, a way of underlining and promoting the

interconnectedness of the various rehabilitation medicine disciplines. "It will be an interesting exercise," she says, expressing pride in the amount of collaborative research and collaborative teaching which already takes place in her Faculty. Indeed, the Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine has plans for an interdisciplinary PhD in the future; the proposal is finding support but funding has yet to be found.

Time and again, Piper stresses the importance of proper facilities for the students — and she's not just thinking about their academic needs. To gain extra space, the building has been slightly expanded into the interstices between the wings of the 'E'-shaped building. Into one of these new areas will go an eatery. "It will be a real contribution to student life," says the Dean, who points out that students in Corbett Hall were previously isolated from the campus food service areas.

The eatery, which may itself figure in fond campus memories of students yet to come, overlays a site where many pleasant summer memories were created in the past: the expansion in which it is situated fills the space previously occupied by the outdoor stage that many will remember best as the home of Barter Theatre.

The larger indoor theatre, where some of Canada's finest

actors and theatre personnel learned their craft and countless others gained a lifelong love for drama, has been completely redone and transformed into a well-appointed lecture theatre to meet the needs of the present student population.

Nor have the students of the past been forgotten. Part of the space that had formerly been the theatre foyer has been converted into an alumni lounge to encourage return visits to the Faculty by graduates as part of a continuing relationship with their school. "We want our graduates to feel that they are a real part of what's happening here," says the dean.

Those graduates who do return to have a look at their school's new quarters — as many will on October 17, when the building is officially opened in conjunction with a major research conference in rehabilitation medicine — will undoubtedly feel a little bit jealous when they see the environment in which those following in their footsteps will study. And they are sure to feel more than a little bit proud of the home their Faculty has found in the renewed Corbett Hall.

## Simply the best.

There's nothing timid about Dr Martha Piper's aspirations for her Faculty. "We've got the best students, we're going to have the best building, and we want to furnish it with the best equipment possible," says the dean of the Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine. "We want it to be the best — simply the best."

To this end, her Faculty recently set out to raise \$1 million through a fund-raising campaign organized under the name "Building for Tomorrow."

The money raised will be used to acquire equipment to furnish the new Corbett Hall laboratories in support of the three pursuits central to the Faculty's mission: teaching, research and clinical practice.

"We want Corbett Hall to become a national showcase for the 'state-of-the-art' in rehabilitation education," says the dean and goes on to speak about the benefit this would be to students, allowing them to become familiar with the instrumentation and other equipment they will face on the clinical placements that constitute an important part of their education and on the job after graduation.

Piper is pleased with the support being shown for the campaign both by graduates and the corporate sector. Among the most noteworthy contributions to date are those made by Apple Canada, Electromed Services and Hovis Medical Limited. Apple has equipped a computer laboratory, which will be dedicated to the use of computers by persons with disabilities: Hovis has donated a state-of-the-art power wheelchair; and Edmonton-based Electromed Services has made an outstanding commitment: it will provide the Faculty a complete array of the most up-to-date electrotherapy equipment available (valued at over \$200,000) and for five years will replace it yearly to ensure that students will always be working with the newest equipment available in the marketplace.

While the official closing date for the campaign was set at 30 June 1991, contributions will be accepted throughout the summer, and all donations made prior to 31 August will be eligible for the donor recognition being planned for the official reopening of Corbett Hall in mid-October.



## Edward Annand Corbett: Innovator and Educator

Though Ned Corbett would later serve Albertans with zeal and vision which would become near-legendary, the welcome he first received from the province was far from a warm one.

As a McGill theology student on his first mission, Corbett arrived in Banner Lake, Alberta early one May to find the place buried under six feet of snow and his reception every bit as chilly. The family with whom he expected to stay refused him on the grounds that the last missionary had stolen their blankets, and at the schoolhouse where he was to preach he was greeted as "the new encumbrance."

Fortunately, he would later gain warmer memories of Alberta mission stations—particularly of Fort Saskatchewan, where he served as a student minister and first met the woman who would become his wife.

Edward Annand Corbett was born in Truro, Nova Scotia in 1887. Through hard work—he handled horses for the CPR, peeled potatoes, worked as a lifeguard on a Rhode Island beach, traversed Quebec by horse and buggy selling stereopticons, and took on a variety of other jobs—he earned the wherewithal to complete high school and finance his first few years at McGill University. Once he decided on theological school, he was eligible for a \$300 annual scholarship and his summers were spent serving missions in the West.

After his ordination, Corbett preached in Saskatchewan briefly before returning to Montreal to become secretary at McGill's Strathcona Hall.

Serving overseas during the First World War, Corbett assisted at Henry Marshall Tory's Khaki University before being sent home late in 1918 suffering from the effects of mustard gas and tuberculosis. Two years later, he had recovered sufficiently to accept a job offer from Tory. The U of A president, who had a remarkable ability to recognize the right person for a job, brought Corbett to the University's Extension Department as an assistant to its director, AE Ottewell.

Corbett took over when Ottewell became registrar. The department had been well organized, but Corbett was instrumental in expanding it. The extent to which it was to become involved in the life of the province is well stated by Thelma LeCocq, who wrote a profile of Corbett in 1949: "Under his supervision, rural Alberta was served by 350 travelling libraries, established 500 dramatic groups supervised by

a full-time director, had art exhibits brought to its door by means of two travelling trucks, learned better farming through the help of soil experts. Nor was the department above tending to the simplest needs and, in remote communities where there was no church, couples were married, babies baptized and the dead buried by the department's librarian who was an ordained minister of the Presbyterian Church. So much did the communities look to the University, that one couple who went to Edmonton to be married felt it only natural to go to the Extension department to have the ceremony performed."



Corbett saved many from despair.

The reputation Corbett earned in Alberta was such that when 500 people got together at a convention in 1935 to found the Canadian Association for Adult Education, they naturally chose Corbett to be its first director. The following year, he arranged for a one-year leave from the University and left for Toronto to get the CAAE underway; he ended up staying until 1951.

Corbett was an innovator. Not only was he the prime mover in the founding of the radio station CKUA at the University of Alberta in 1925 and of the Banff School of Fine Arts in 1933, his influence was later felt in the founding of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, the National Film Board, and Canada's Wartime Information Board. He was also the creative force behind the National Farm Radio Forum, which was broadcast on CBC Radio. At its peak, the Forum had 30,000 listeners organized into listening groups in rural districts across Canada, and pre-broadcast information was mailed each week to 24,000 addresses.

After retiring from the CAAE, Corbett turned his energy to writing. He is the author of several books of Western Canadian history and of *Henry Marshall Tory: Beloved Canadian* and the autobiographical *We Have With Us Tonight*.

When the pioneer adult educator died in 1964, tributes were received from the length and breadth of Canada. They described in glowing terms his many accomplishments, but no words put into sharper focus the depth of his contributions to ordinary Canadians than those offered by George V Ferguson on a CBC Radio broadcast: "... on the prairies in the 1920s and 1930s, when the dust blew, and the crops failed, he saved many a family and many a little village from the depths of despair."

## Are You Unemployed?

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Learn how to do a self assessment, establish a skills inventory and research prospective employers.

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Office of Alumni Affairs  
430 Athabasca Hall  
University of Alberta  
Edmonton, Alberta T6G 2E8  
(Telephone 492-3224)

## Supporters Manage to Bring Back the Bears

Dale Schulha vividly remembers two days in the history of Golden Bear football.

There was the high: It was 25 November 1972, and Schula, a second-year running back, stood and savored the moment. Not even the cold winds that swept Toronto's Varsity stadium could wipe the smile from his face. His team was winning its second national championship in five years.

And there was the low: On 14 January 1991, as chair of the Department of Athletics, Schulha announced that the University was withdrawing funding from the Golden Bear football program. The financial squeeze the University was experiencing had claimed another victim.

A few days later, Schulha was in hospital recovering from a heart attack, to which the stress of the previous weeks had been at least a contributing factor.

The former Golden Bear running back is now gradually returning to work and expects to be back full-time this summer. If he takes care, he should be able to put the heart attack behind him. "My cardiologist tells me if I use it as a warning, my health should be fine," he says.

The same note of cautious optimism could equally apply to the football Bears. They're going to be back, too, and if a new operating arrangement works out, they may well be healthier than they have been in some time.

Following the 14 January announcement of the funding cut, supporters rallied around the football team. Leading the way were the Golden Bear Football Alumni, who took up the challenge of reviving the team and initiated an extensive fund-raising campaign. While their immediate goal was to salvage the football team, they also set about creating an endowment fund



to ensure the future of the other University athletic teams.

On 14 March, the president of the Football Alumni, Dave Rowand, '67 BA, '70 LLB, announced that his group had secured sufficient financial support to continue the football team through the 1992 season and, in cooperation with the University, would be taking a hand in the running of the team.

Schulha describes the manner in which the football team will be operated as "a new sport delivery model." Control is being shared by means of an advisory board comprised of an equal number of representatives of the Football Alumni and the University, with a non-partisan chairperson.

Schulha points out that, although it will no longer be providing an operating budget for the football team, the University is committed to providing a multitude of support services. "We're not out of football — we're out of funding football," says Schulha, who praises the initiative shown by the football alumni and has equally high praise for the guidance and leadership provided by the University's acting dean of Physical Education and Recreation, Dr Jane Watkinson.

Both Rowand and Schulha acknowledge that their arrangement will be receiving a great deal of scrutiny. "This is a new direction, and I think that it is safe to say there are a lot of sceptics out

**President Paul Davenport (left) welcomes CFL Hall of Famer Tom Wilkinson to campus.**

there — but we are going to prove them wrong," says Schulha. Rowand is also confident that the arrangement will work and sees it as a possible model for the continuation and enhancement of other sports at the University. "Other programs are definitely waiting in judgement," he says.

While the revival of Bears' football was greeted as tremendous news, Rowand struck a note of caution. He stressed that his association and the supporters of University of Alberta athletics have a long way to go to reach their ultimate goal of endowing not only the football team but all men's and women's athletic teams on campus.

That goal was brought considerably closer in early March when U of A students demonstrated their support for the cause by voting for a \$2.50-per-term increase in their student fees to support inter-university athletics.

"The positive aspects of this vote are critical to any attempt to revive campus teams," says Rowand, "for it showed that the students themselves care enough about their teams to support them financially."

On 14 April 1991, the fortune of the football Bears received another boost when it was announced that former Edmonton Eskimo great and CFL Hall of Famer Tom

Wilkinson had been hired to coach the reborn Bears. Wilkinson, the CFL's most outstanding player in 1974, was chosen over several contenders for the position.

A graduate of the University of Wyoming, Wilkinson has made his home in the Edmonton area since retiring from the Eskimos. In interviews after his selection, the former Eskimo quarterback outlined the philosophy he would bring to the team: central to this was the recognition that the players were students first and athletes second and that the entire experience should, above all else, be fun.

Among those who welcomed Wilkinson to the fold was U of A president Paul Davenport, who admitted to having "been a fan of Wilkie for several years."

While the clouds that had blackened the football program in mid-January have now parted, Rowand continues to counsel caution. "The long-term future remains cloudy," he says. "There's a long way yet to go before we have the money we need to guarantee the future of athletics at the University for the long haul."

Among those to whom he is looking for support are the alumni of the University-at-large. He's hoping that the graduates will agree that the athletic program is a tradition worth saving.

His supporters list all the University traditions that have fallen by the wayside — the Homecoming Weekend Parades, Frosh Dances, the Wauneita Society, and the yearbook are but a few — and express concern that the University is rapidly becoming just a place for 30,000 strangers to attend classes. By creating a festival atmosphere around football games and reviving interest in other sporting events, they would like to make University athletics a rallying point for a renewed school spirit.

"We're hoping to rebuild a sense of pride in the University," says Rowand.



## Gone But Far From Forgotten: The University Loses Three of its Best

*During the past few months the University has mourned the passing of three remarkable individuals who epitomized the best a university has to offer.*

### Reuben Benjamin Sandin, 1897-1991

Reuben Benjamin Sandin, whose active association with the University spanned an incredible 75 years, passed away in Edmonton on the last day of February 1991.

The University of Alberta has had its share, and more, of teachers who have achieved legendary status among their former students, but no professor has inspired greater loyalty among his or her students than did Sandin, who taught chemistry at the University from 1922 until 1965 and continued to remain active in the Department of Chemistry as an emeritus professor until 1988.

In 1965 the *Canadian Journal of Chemistry* devoted an entire issue to Sandin on the occasion of his 68th birthday. All 44 papers in the journal were written by his friends, colleagues, and former students, among whom are many of the finest chemists Canada has produced.

Sandin was born in Minnesota in 1897, and shortly afterwards his family moved to a homestead in the Usona district of central Alberta. He completed high school in Wetaskiwin and went on to the University in 1913. An extremely shy student, he was inspired to a career in chemistry when he was made to feel at ease by his first chemistry professor.

The April 1916 graduation issue of *Gateway* makes reference to Sandin's self-effacement ("He was so shy that it took us two years to discover his hidden qualities.") and his brilliance. In the grandiloquent phrasing

of which its editors were so fond, the publication reports that "... he is indeed the senior of the seniors, for he floats at the top of the class like a foam cap on a billow."

The *Gateway* item finishes with the observation, "He is one man in whom the 'ego' is completely subservient." This



Sandin at the time of his retirement in 1965.

would remain true for the remainder of his life. When Sandin had the opportunity to receive an honorary degree from the University he was greatly moved, but he turned it down. When the Chemistry Department inaugurated the Reuben Benjamin Sandin Lecture Series, he asked that the name be changed (it wasn't), and he repeated the request almost every time he had occasion to correspond about the Lectures.

Sandin earned his BA degree in chemistry with high distinction and then completed his master's degree at the U of A in 1919, winning the Governor-General's Gold Medal. He went on to the University of Chicago, where he was awarded his PhD in 1924 and won renown and the coveted Sigma Psi key of the honorary scientific fraternity.

A pioneer in the field of positive halogenorganic chemistry, Sandin was well known and respected throughout his profession, even though he never

travelled to professional society meetings. His reputation was spread by his incisive publications (he published his last paper, which appeared in the prestigious *Journal of Medicinal Chemistry*, at age 84) and through his influence on students who went on to graduate schools throughout North America. Before his retirement in 1965 more than 200 of his students had taken the PhD degree in chemistry.

"He did his research well and his teaching superbly," says Robert Crawford, '52 BSc, '54 MSc. A former chair of the Chemistry Department and now an associate dean with the University's Faculty of Science, Crawford earned his master's degree under Sandin's direction and later knew the outstanding chemistry professor as a teaching colleague. "He was a giant with his classes," says Crawford.

So popular were Sandin's lectures that when a Rockefeller Foundation

Fellowship took him to Harvard University for a sabbatical leave in 1939-40, his absence was keenly felt by students who had looked forward to his legendary Chemistry 42 (later 250) lectures and felt themselves to be missing a high-point of the University experience.

During his career, Sandin won many honors — he was the first Canadian to win the Outstanding College Chemistry Teacher Award sponsored by the Manufacturing Chemists' Association, Washington, D.C.; in 1958 he was elected a fellow of the Chemical Institute of Canada; he received a special citation in organic chemistry from the CIC in 1960; and he won its inaugural Chemical Education Award in 1962 — but he never felt comfortable when he was receiving attention. "Put the spotlight on the student, not on yourself," was the theme of his address on the occasion of his receiving the CIC Education Award.



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A commemorative service for the legendary chemistry professor who unfailingly put the spotlight on his students was held on campus on 5 April. It was attended by many former colleagues and students, one who made the trip from Montreal just to be there. They spoke about "Rube" with the genuine affection that is contained in Bob Crawford's remark eulogizing his former teacher and friend: "This is someone who is very special, a benevolent individual who is part of the history of this institution in a very distinct way."

*An undergraduate scholarship in Dr Sandin's honor has been established. Donations to the RB Sandin Scholarship Fund can be sent to the Department of Chemistry, University of Alberta, Edmonton T6G 2G2.*

### Henry Kreisel, 1923-1991

Henry Kreisel, author, university professor, former "enemy alien," and officer of the Order of Canada, died in Edmonton on 22 April at the age of 68. He had been diagnosed as suffering from pancreatic cancer in March and had been hospitalized early in April.

An inspiring lecturer, he taught generations of students to love and talk about literature. And as one of the first modern Canadian novelists to write about the immigrant experience, he also contributed to making Canadian literature worth talking about.

"I have tried to bridge the two worlds — the European world and the Canadian world. It is a natural thing for me to do — it reflects my experience," he explained in an interview a decade ago.

As a writer, Kreisel was best known for his two novels, *The Rich Man* (1948), recently adapted into a successful play, and *The Betrayal* (1961). His well-regarded short stories include "The Broken Globe," which has been widely anthologized and translated

and adapted into a moving stage play, and the comedic "The Travelling Nude," which won the University of Western Ontario President's Medal as the best short story published in Canada in 1960.

Kreisel was born in Vienna in 1922. His father was a salesman, frequently unemployed, who took little interest in things artistic or literary. His mother, however, encouraged her two sons to take advantage of the cultural opportunities of the city. "I was swimming in that sea of culture that was Vienna," Kreisel later recalled. That swim abruptly came to an end when Hitler's troops marched into Austria in 1938. Kreisel escaped into Britain only to find it an uncertain haven: in 1940 he was working as a trainee cutter in a Leeds tailoring factory when "two men in raincoats" appeared and he was taken into custody as an "enemy alien."

After being shunted from place to place in Britain, he was transported to Canada, where he was held with other German and Austrian refugees of Jewish descent in a prisoner-of-war camp near Fredericton, New Brunswick. Later Kreisel described the

camp as having been "a market place of ideas" and said that he had never again encountered an intellectual exchange of so concentrated a form. Stimulated by this environment, he decided to become a writer. Because he knew that he would never return to Austria, he decided to free himself from linguistic and psychological dependence on German by writing in English.

In 1942 Kreisel was released and stayed in Canada, an "accidental immigrant" to a country that before his arrival he had known only as a large red stretch on a school map. To further his goal of becoming a writer, he enrolled in the University of Toronto. Six years, 11 scholarships and two degrees later, he found himself at the University of Alberta, a lecturer in the Department of English. (His formal studies were completed in 1954 when, following a two-year leave, he earned a PhD at the University of London.)

During his distinguished career at the University of Alberta, he taught in the Departments of English, Drama and Comparative Literature and received the

prestigious distinction of "University Professor." From 1961 until 1967, he served as head of the English Department, and from 1970 until 1975 as the University's vice-president (academic). He also was president of the Association of Canadian University Teachers of English.

As head of the Department of English, he introduced the first course in Canadian literature to the University — on more than one occasion, he spoke of how as a newcomer to Canada he went looking for Canadian literature and no one could tell him where to find it.

In 1981 Kreisel published *The Almost Meeting*, a collection of short stories. In 1985 his internment diary and other autobiographical writings were combined with critical essays on his work in *Another Country: Writings By and About Henry Kreisel*. In November 1990 a five-part drama, "Enemy Alien," based on Kreisel's journal of his internment, was aired on CBC Radio's *Morningside*.

Dr Kreisel was the recipient of numerous honors. He was appointed an officer of the Order of Canada in 1988, and in 1990 he received an Immigrant Achievement Award for his contributions to his adopted country. Other recognition included the Sir Frederick Haultain Prize for Significant Achievement in Fine Arts (1986) and fellowship in the International Association of Arts and Letters, Geneva (1961).

Kreisel once said that it was his belief that "the aim



This photo, taken by an Edmonton street photographer 40 years ago, shows a young Henry Kreisel (right), with Robb Wilson, '47 BEd, '49 MEd, and his wife Marjorie, '45 BSc(HEc), '48 BEd. The Wilsons, who taught in Stony Plain, had come into Edmonton to shop and were joined by Kreisel. "It was a happy day," recalls Wilson, who was a student in Kreisel's first lecture at the U of A, had coffee with him afterwards, and became a longtime friend.



of teaching is simply to light a fire." That he lit many fires was testified to when he won one of the University's Rutherford Teaching Awards in 1986. It is further demonstrated by the sorrow with which his passing has been met.

### Eleanor Silver Keeping, 1903-1991

Her friends, and she had many, simply called her "Silver" — an unusual name for a woman, certainly, but its possessor was no less rare.

Dr Eleanor Silver Keeping (nee Dowding), who died in March at the age of 89, was a woman of many accomplishments. A respected scientist and teacher, she was above all else a person who relished life and had the knack of passing that enthusiasm to others.

Born in England, she came to Canada at the age of six and attended school in Calgary. University seemed an impossible dream, but Silver was not one to step away from adversity. Although partially deaf from the age of 12, she had an inborn fighting spirit, to which she would credit her success in life.

With financial assistance from her sister and a series of scholarships she "escaped happily into Pembina Hall" and went on to complete studies that earned her a MSc degree from the University of Alberta in 1924. She subsequently became an instructor and lecturer in botany — one of the first women to teach at the University in a discipline other than home economics or nursing.

Silver had fond memories of the closeness of the University campus in those early years — of the camaraderie of the classroom and laboratory, of night-time skating parties at Cooking Lake, and of expeditions to study the ecology of Alberta.

During one expedition, she encountered rolling sand hills interspersed with muskeg. Here, many of the

pine and spruce trees were distorted, with misshapen branches which resembled witches' brooms. This condition, she discovered, was caused by a yellow mistletoe whose fruit, when ripe, would explode like miniature cannons, sending sticky seeds to infect neighboring trees. Strangely, however, some of the mistletoe did not produce fruit. Further investigation showed these particular



Silver Keeping remained active in research for many years.

plants to be infected by a fungus.

There was something about the idea of a parasite being afflicted by a parasite of its own that she found amusing, and Silver continued to study and write papers on the mistletoe fungus on and off for seven years, in the process becoming a confirmed mycologist — a specialist in the branch of botany dealing with fungi.

In 1928, she received a travelling scholarship from the University Women's Club and travelled to England to study for a year with Dame Helen Gwynne-Vaughan, cytologist at Birkbeck College, University of London. She couldn't realistically expect to get her degree in a year but, characteristically, she made the most of her time overseas: she met and was greatly influenced by HG Wells and joined the famous Heretics' Club, she visited the theatres

and museums of Paris and London, and listened attentively to the spirited discussion taking place about the theory of evolution.

Back in Canada, she completed a PhD with renowned scholar and inspiring teacher AHR Butler, mycologist at the University of Manitoba, before returning to Edmonton, where she married Frank Keeping who had come from England in 1929 to teach mathematics at the University. Keenly interested in her work, he encouraged her to continue her research, even though as a wife of a faculty member she couldn't receive a salary.

In 1933, Dr Allan Rankin, then dean of Medicine, hired Silver and installed her in a room in the Medical Building. Here, she set up a diagnostic service for human fungus disease in association with the Alberta Provincial Laboratory of Public Health — one of the very first, if not the first, medical mycology laboratories in the Commonwealth.

For 20 years, Silver turned her considerable energy to investigating various medically important fungi and getting physicians and workers in public health

interested in medical mycology. When her assistant, JW Carmichael, returned from Harvard with his PhD in 1954, she resigned and turned her appointment over to him.

For another two decades, Silver kept her interest in research and the University active as an honorary research associate in the Departments of Medical Bacteriology, Botany and Genetics. The appointments carried no salary or tenure, and she paid her own expenses when she travelled to scientific meetings — including the first International Congress of Mycologists, which she attended at age 71.

Silver Keeping was one of the founding sponsors of the University of Alberta Devonian Botanic Gardens. This facility is now the home for the University of Alberta Microfungus Collection, one of the eight largest collections of its kind in the world. This "library" of fungi (previously called the University of Alberta Mould Herbarium and Culture Collection) had its beginning in the fungi Silver collected during her 20 years of pioneering work in medical mycology.



David McLean, '59 BA, '62 LLB, congratulates Kim Skibsted, one of 38 students to be awarded membership in the Gold Key Society, revived this year. McLean, who lives in Vancouver and is a former chair of the UBC Board of Governors, organized Gold Key alumni to bring back the award which recognizes students who play a part in building a better campus community — students like Skibsted who was the first blind student to enroll in the speech language pathology program. McLean and his wife donated the blazers given to this year's recipients.

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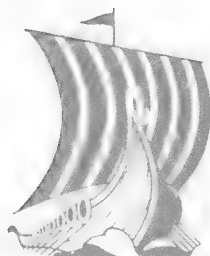
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In the rolling country that is today at the geographical heart of Alberta, the Cree knew of a special spot. "Meanook," they called it, which means "a good camping place." The name has endured, continued by the people who settled in the area and adopted it for their small community.

And Meanook continues to have a special appeal: on the edge of the community is today located a complex providing the most extensive facilities for aquatic and terrestrial research on the Western Plains.

Located a few minutes south of the town of Athabasca in a 214-hectare National Wildlife Sanctuary, the University of Alberta's Meanook Biological Research Station provides researchers ready access to both excellent field sites and well-equipped laboratories.

Part of the Station's appeal is its location. It is in a sparsely populated area of the boreal forest with a wide range of terrestrial, aquatic and wetland habitats nearby. Researchers have easy access to a number of lakes, mature stands of trees, cultivated land, and the areas of transition between the various habitats.

The other attraction is the research complex itself. Its name may conjure up images of a primitive field station, but the reality of the Meanook Biological Research Station is far different. "No other university field station west of Winnipeg has the analytical facilities of Meanook," asserts its director, zoology professor Ellie Prepas.

Prepas is a specialist in limnology (the study of freshwater and its flora and fauna), who pursues an active research program, much of it based at Meanook. In addition, she keeps busy as the director of the University's newly-created Environmental Research and Studies Centre on the Edmonton campus (see separate article).

Prepas firmly believes that Meanook, which receives a portion of its operating funding from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council, has the potential to become a major centre for environmental research.

At present, the Station comprises 12 permanent buildings and two trailer complexes on a landscaped site ready for daily use, year-round. The site features a flume and three experimental ponds and the Station's laboratories are equipped with experimental and holding tanks for fish and can accommodate analyses of aquatic and terrestrial organisms from bacteria to birds. A fully-supplied chemical laboratory (gas, air, vacuum, double-distilled water and a fume hood) can handle limnological and other analyses. Among the most sophisticated equipment is a double

# A Special Place: Meanook



The Meanook Biological Research Station supports a wide variety of terrestrial and aquatic research. Above: A researcher holds an adult chickadee—the behavioral ecology of these birds is one of the ongoing studies based at Meanook.

channel auto-analyzer, used to determine ammonia and nitrate levels in water samples, and a liquid scintillation counter to measure radioactivity.

The Station's ancillary facilities include a workshop, computers linked to the University's MTS system, storage space for field equipment—the Centre has a four-wheel-drive truck, a variety of boats and motors, all terrain vehicles, trailers and so on for use by researchers—and a SCUBA area. Future plans include expansion of the aquatic facility to include three more controlled outdoor ponds, the addition of a classroom, and the provision of increased accommodation.

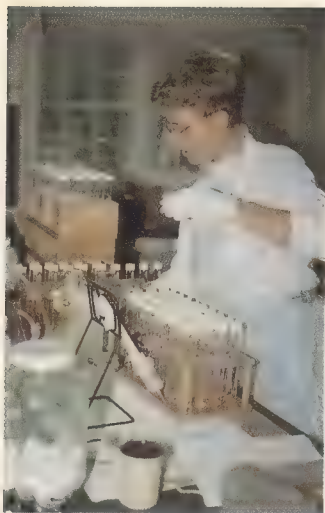
As it is now equipped, the Station can provide accommodation for 37 full-time re-



Technician Mary Paslawski and visitor Karen Wilson examine mushroom samples.

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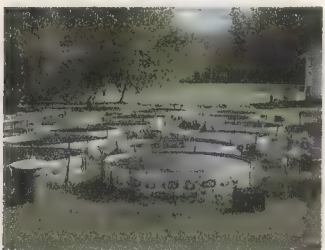


A number of aquatic studies are based at the Meanook Station.

Top: Technologist Janice Burke analyses water samples from Amisk Lake.

Above: Children's swimming pools serve as holding ponds for a 1988 study of crayfish.

Right: MSc student, now graduated, Tom Boag, sorts fish for a lake productivity study carried out at Narrow Lake, about 25 kilometres from Meanook.



searchers. Meals are prepared in a well-furnished central kitchen and two satellite kitchens. The central kitchen is staffed by a cook from May until October; at other times, individual residents prepare their own food or work out food preparation arrangements.

The Station also addresses the recreational needs of those it accommodates. Its recreational facilities include a volleyball court, a ping-pong table, a television room and trails for jogging and cross-country skiing.

Development of the biological research station at Meanook began in 1983. Most of the buildings were already constructed, but they had been abandoned since 1979 — from 1916 until 1979, what is now the Meanook Biological Research Station had been a geophysical station operated by the Government of Canada. After that facility was closed, the land it had occupied was turned over to the Canadian Wildlife Service, and four years later that body granted the University a 49-year lease to the former geophysical station building site for the purely nominal sum of \$1 per year.

In the first two years of its tenancy, the University committed about \$800,000 to the restoration and refurbishment of the abandoned facility, says Prepas. Since that time, the research facility which was developed has more than proven its worth, she adds.

In addition to the University researchers — from departments such as Zoology, Botany, Chemistry, Forest Science and Microbiology and from Faculté Saint-Jean — who make the two-hour trip north from campus to work at

Meanook, the Station has accommodated researchers from government, public research institutes, and private industry.

Ongoing studies at Meanook involve peatlands ecology, boreal grasses, the behavioral ecology of chickadees, and the improvement of water quality in lakes, rivers and farm dugouts. In addition, Prepas notes that a legacy of the former geophysical station is a complete set of meteorological records dating back to 1916. This database, she says, is being continued and has tied the Station into a network on long-term climate change.

This summer Prepas will begin a new stage in her research investigating lake liming as a way of controlling algae and improving water quality. This work, which is based at Meanook, is being supported by a recent \$240,000 grant (spread over three years) from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Council, which had previously committed \$160,000 to a complementary lake aeration project.

Also beginning at Meanook this summer is ground-breaking research related to habitat fragmentation in the boreal forest. This work, under the direction of zoology professor Sue Hannon, is commencing with a University seed grant made available through the Canadian Circumpolar Institute on campus.

"These are just two examples of the kind of research that is encouraged both by Meanook and the new Environmental Research and Studies Centre," says Prepas. "With the growing importance of environmental research, Meanook is proving to be a very good investment for the University."





## New University Centre is Lean and Green

When the phone rings, Cheryl Stein never knows what to expect. It could be a youngster asking about the effect of toxic waste on whales, it could be an undergraduate looking to do a graduate degree related to the environment, or even someone wanting to arrange research touching on an environmental concern. "It's hard to know what will come up next," says Stein.

Stein is one-half of the full-time staff complement of the Environmental Research and Studies Centre at the University of Alberta. "People see the word 'environment' in our name and they call with all sorts of questions and concerns," she says.

And that's very much the point of the Centre: to give visibility and focus to the University's expertise and involvement in matters related to the environment.

The Centre, which opened its doors in February, grew out of an informal meeting held in the summer of 1988. At that meeting, convened by the University's vice-president (research), Bob James, were a number of researchers. They came from disciplines as diverse as soil science and law, but they shared the belief that the University was missing opportunities to make contributions to a better understanding of environmental issues because its very significant capabilities in this area were neither well known or easily accessed.

In the formal proposal that led to the creation of the Environmental Research and Studies Centre that concern was stated as follows: "The ability of the University of Alberta to respond to the rapid evolution of environmental issues now reflected by sustained public and political awareness is seriously compromised by the lack of a credible institu-



tional profile in support of environmental research and studies."

Zoology professor Ellie Prepas is the director of the new Centre. She was also a member (with engineer Steve Hruddy and political scientist Gurston Dacks) of the three-person committee that put together the proposal that shaped the "facilitative" Centre.

"It is meant to be lean," she says. She, Dacks, and Hruddy are active researchers who know the amount of paperwork most researchers must face. They were adamant, therefore, that "the centre not become another level of bureaucracy with which productive researchers would have to contend."

Prepas says that a questionnaire circulated before the proposal was submitted identified more than 80 full-time academic staff who had recent or current involvement in environmental research.

And this involvement was widespread. Says Prepas: "The activity was taking place in almost all faculties—we found people working in the area of the environment in 30 separate departments. More than 50 courses clearly had an environmental focus."

With remarkably few exceptions — only three negative responses on the scores of questionnaires returned — environmental researchers and teachers on campus supported the creation of a centre for environ-

**The future of our forests is a major environmental concern in Alberta. Inset: Ellie Prepas.**

mental research and studies.

The Centre was given University approval in the summer of 1990 and the Centre's champions went looking for the final component that would make the Centre a reality: funding.

On the last day of this January, their work bore its first fruit, and impressive fruit it was. On that day Bill Yurko, '50 BSc(Eng), a former provincial environment minister came to campus in his capacity as chairman and CEO of the Alberta Oil Sands Technology Research Authority. With him, he brought a cheque for \$250,000 to make AOSTRA the Centre's first founding member.

The AOSTRA funding, to be divided equally over five years, will cover a large chunk of the \$120,000-per-year operating budget set for the Centre. With it, the Centre hired Stein to serve as its administrative officer and open its doors. (The second staff position is that of a secretary-receptionist.)

The search for further funding continues. In the interim the AOSTRA support is being supplemented by grants from the University administration and the researchers themselves are helping out — one group put the consulting fees they received for some environmental work they did for the

City of Edmonton directly into the Centre's account.

The Centre operates under the guidance of its University Members Board, which the University's vice-president (research) chairs. Other members are the deans of those faculties with a major interest in the Centre, two members from the University's General Faculties Council, and a member from the University Senate. In addition, the Centre has the benefit of a Public Advisory Council, whose chair is an ex officio board member.

Though not yet fully funded, the Centre has already begun to make itself felt. "Already we've made an impact," says Prepas. "We've begun to make people on campus aware of our environmental capabilities and have begun communicating with groups outside campus."

One of the Centre's initial projects was the compiling of a list of all the environmental courses at the University. "This is proving to be a valuable resource for students," says Prepas.

The Centre has also made a submission to the federal Green Plan proposing the creation of a unit that would concentrate on applied aspects of environmental research. In addition, it's busy helping organize an international conference on aquatic and wetland sciences, which is expected to draw more than 1,000 participants to Edmonton in the summer of 1993. The work related to this conference, whose sponsors include the American Society for Limnology and Oceanography and the Society of Wetland Sciences, is being done on a cost-recovery basis.

All in all, the Centre's office on the fourth floor of the Biological Sciences Building's Centre Wing, is getting to be a busy place these days. "As we're becoming better known, we're hearing from more and more people," says Stein, "and the phone keeps ringing..."

## Program Makes International Students Feel Welcome

Through the Host Family Program organized by the International Centre and the University of Alberta Alumni Association, international students attending the University and families in Edmonton are getting to know one another.

Ann Machin and her husband Geoff decided to get involved when they saw an advertisement for the program at their church. Having been an international student herself once at the University of Illinois, Ann knew how difficult such a transition could be — she had had to overcome the cultural differences which existed between her native Great Britain, and the U.S.A. Ann took part in the host family program at the U of Illinois, and this was such a positive experience, she says, that she continues to remain in touch with her host family to this day.

Not being native Albertans, Ann and Geoff find that they and Tom and Adda Owina, their student couple from Kenya, are discovering the same things in Edmonton and surrounding areas. When Ann, Geoff, Tom and Adda get together it is on a very informal basis — they might, for instance, go out to a show. Learning about how people from other cultures live is what makes the program so alive and worthwhile, Ann says.

Robert and Diana Faltin heard about the Host Family Program on television and were moved to participate because some time ago they had been newcomers to Canada themselves as immigrants from Czechoslovakia. Robert says that the time commitment is negligible when you look at the rewards: his two children — Jillian, who's 11, and Lisa, who's 9 — treat Tomoyo



**International student Tomoyo Yoshimoto discovers that children in Canada dress strangely — at least on October 31.**

Yoshimoto, an international student from Japan, like an older sister. When Tomoyo flies home for the holidays, she sends the children postcards for their stamp collection and comments on the differences she notices. When Tomoyo first arrived in Edmonton, she and Diana went shopping for winter clothes.

Both Robert and Diana feel that through the Host Family Program they and their children have learned a great deal about the Japanese culture, traditions and perceptions. Japan is definitely not the uniform country you might expect, Robert suggests.

Bonnie Kirkpatrick came into contact with international students as a PhD student in the Faculty of Agriculture and Forestry and found that many were involved in the Host Family Program. Believing that they and their two daughters come close to being the "typical Canadian family" in a "typical suburban house," Bonnie and her husband Neil decided that they would enjoy offering international students an insight into the Canadian way of life.

Their first student was Jiroo Jumongi from Japan. They took him tobogganing, made him birthday cakes and generally made him feel welcome, and he now keeps

in touch regularly from Japan. This past Christmas, he sent the little girls rice paper balls, which are traditional Japanese toys.

Bonnie and Neil's second student is Alexander Batchvarov, who started his MBA at the U of A in the fall of 1990, having previously earned a doctorate in his native Bulgaria. Their dinner conversations with him often revolve around politics, be they Canadian or international, agricultural policies (a mutual interest) and other world events, says Bonnie. Other activities they enjoy together are impromptu birthday parties, barbecues and explorations of the river valley. The girls were delighted to receive Bulgarian string puppets as a present from Alexander, and Bonnie hopes that when her daughters are older they will have the opportunity to visit Japan or Bulgaria to spend time with a friend they will have known for a long time.

Often when people first hear about the Host Family Program, they believe it involves having international students living in their home or some sort of day-to-day involvement. Bonnie emphasizes that this is not the case: she finds that families and students typically get together about once every six weeks. Bonnie and Neil agree enthusiastically that they would recommend the program to anybody, and they are promoting it to their family and friends.

Further information about

the Host Family Program, can be obtained from Susan Belcher El Nahhas at 477-5092 or Barry Tonge at 492-2692.

## Strategic Planning Undertaken

The Alumni Association is taking a careful look at its future.

The Alumni Council, the Association's governing body, has embarked on a strategic planning process, which aims to provide a blueprint by which the Association can optimize its service to the University and its graduates in the years ahead.

Momentum was given to this process at a two-day workshop on 9 and 10 May at which the volunteer members of Alumni Council and staff members from the Office of Alumni Affairs worked with one of North America's most experienced professionals in the field of alumni administration, Dan Heinlen, executive director of the Ohio State University Alumni Association.

The workshop was largely given over to synthesizing a set of goals for the Association and discussing strategies by which they might be brought about.

General consensus suggested that the Alumni Association needs to cultivate students before convocation and incorporate them into more of its activities; that the Association could benefit from increased visibility, both on and off campus, and that it is extremely important that the Association focus on increasing communication between alumni and the institution.

Prior to the workshop, the Association had circulated a questionnaire to a random 750 alumni and two discussion groups had been organized in April. The information gained in this manner provided background for the planning process and suggested that



alumni want the Association to play a prominent role in raising funds to ensure the future well-being of the University.

With the objectives now articulated into a series of goals, the planning process will continue over the summer with the development of an action plan and a schedule for implementation.

### Three Association Scholarship Recipients Chosen

On 30 April of this year, members of the Alumni Association's public affairs committee faced a task that was both difficult and inspiring.

Selecting the winners for the three major Alumni Association scholarships was difficult because of the high quality of the numerous applicants, and inspiring for the very same reason.

For the Reginald Charles Lister Memorial Scholarship, the committee selected Nicole Heffernan, who has just completed her third year in the Faculty of Nursing. While shouldering the responsibilities of a full-time student, Nicole has found time to contribute to campus life through her involvement in numerous extra-curricular activities. These activities include assisting physically challenged students with their studies through the Disabled Student Services, serving on the Lister residence yearbook committee and being an active leader in the community life of St. Joseph's College.

In the academic realm, Nicole collaborated on a paper exploring informed consent on the maternity/obstetrics ward at the U of A Hospital. The timeliness and impact of this paper are attested to by the fact that as a direct consequence a quality assurance council was put into place for the U of A Hospitals.

Winner of the 1991 Maimie S Simpson Scholarship is Stephanie Irlbacher from Inuvik. During her two years in the Faculty of Arts, Stephanie has filled a number of volunteer positions. These include sitting on the Students' Union nominating committee, acting as student representative to the University's alcohol policies committee and as council representative from the Arts Faculty.

Stephanie is also active outside of the Students' Union. She was director of administration for the University of Alberta Debate Club and became involved with the University's Political Science Undergraduate Association as well as the U of A Ski Club. In addition, Stephanie is the Western Arctic representative to the student financial assistance board of the Government of the Northwest Territories.

For the third major scholarship, the 75th Anniversary Scholarship, the committee chose Laurel Smith, who will be entering her third year in the Faculty of Medicine this fall. Her involvements include promoting the Students' International Health Organization locally, and active

participation in the Medical Students' Association, International Week and Health Week on campus. Laurel also sits on the executive of her faculty's finance committee and is assistant editor of the medical students' "Survivor Handbook" and senior editor for their journal, IATROS.

One of the achievements of which Laurel is most proud is having contributed successfully to the logistics behind the "Guyana Project", which will see a number of U of A students participating in clinical preventative health

care under supervision of Guyanese professionals.

The three scholarship recipients are to receive their awards at a formal presentation ceremony to take place in late September.

**Any U of A alumni from the 1960s who were part of IVCF during those years and are planning to attend Reunion Weekend 1991 are invited to contact:**

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### 1991 Class Reunions

The Alumni Association is happy to assist individual classes in organizing special events during the homecoming activities of **Reunion Weekend '91** (September 27-29, 1991) or reunions at other times. The following classes are currently planning reunions this year:

#### Class/Place/Date/Contact

'31 Graduating Class Edmonton/Reunion Weekend/Alumni Office  
'31 Dipl Nursing Edmonton/Reunion Weekend/Sheila Beddome  
'41 Graduating Class Edmonton/Reunion Weekend/Norman Lawrence  
'41 Education Edmonton/Reunion Weekend/William Kostash  
'41 Agriculture Edmonton/Reunion Weekend/John Toogood  
'41 Dentistry Edmonton/Reunion Weekend/Charles Duke  
'41 Medicine Banff/Oct. 10-12/Gordon Blott  
'41 Household Economics Edmonton/Reunion Weekend/Kay Davidson  
'41 Law Edmonton/Reunion Weekend/Justice William Haddad  
'41 Dipl Nursing Edmonton/Reunion Weekend/Inez Wood  
'41 BSc Nursing Edmonton/Reunion Weekend/Eva Macklam  
'41 Electrical Engineering Edmonton/Reunion Weekend/Sidney Phillips  
'41 Arts Edmonton/Reunion Weekend/Gwyneth Nightingale  
'43 Education Edmonton/Reunion Weekend/Joan Worth  
'46 Electrical Engineering Edmonton/Reunion Weekend/Tom Sissons  
'51 Civil Engineering Edmonton/Reunion Weekend/Don Matheson  
'51 Law Edmonton/Reunion Weekend/Morris Lyons, Q.C.  
'51 Sept Dipl Nursing Kananaskis/Sept. 9/Mona Ganton  
'51 Medicine Banff/Oct. 10-12/Alumni Office  
'51 Agriculture Edmonton/Reunion Weekend/David Jantzie  
'55 BSc Household Economics Calgary/August 23-25/Arlene McKay  
'56 Dipl Nursing Kananaskis/Sept. 6-8/Barbara Bratland  
'56 BSc Nursing (4 Yr.) Edmonton/Sept. 26-29/Marilyn Campbell  
'56 Medicine Banff/Oct. 10-12/Al Backstrom  
'56 Electrical Engineering Edmonton/Reunion Weekend/Don Rae  
'71 Sept Dipl Nursing Toronto/Oct. 4-7/Lillian Bramwell  
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'66 Education Edmonton/Reunion Weekend/Joan Worth  
'66 Household Economics Edmonton/Reunion Weekend/Donna Crowe  
'66 Medicine Banff/Oct. 10-12/J. Douglas Lampar  
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'76 Electrical Engineering Edmonton/Reunion Weekend/Mike Yakemchuk  
'80 Occupational Therapy Edmonton/Reunion Weekend/Deb Maerz  
'81 Medicine Kananaskis/June 28-30/Carola Starke  
'81 Mechanical Engineering Edmonton/Reunion Weekend/Gary Kovacic  
'81 Med Lab Science Edmonton/Reunion Weekend/Sandy Broen  
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Some locations and dates are tentative. Should you require information about the reunions noted, or if you wish to organize a reunion for a class not listed, please contact Elke Christianson in the Office of Alumni Affairs.

### Memorabilia Sought for Education Anniversary

The Department of Elementary Education is seeking memorabilia (lecture notes, text books, lesson aids, plan books, inspector reports, photographs, etc.) to incorporate into a display marking the 50th Anniversary of the Faculty of Education. We would also like to record stories of early experiences in the Faculty and elementary schools related to professors, class life, student teaching, cooperating teachers, students and other aspects of becoming an elementary school teacher.

If you can help, write:

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## Riding With The Rebels To Fill A Scholarly Void

When David Wolf, '81 PhD, began his doctoral studies in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Alberta, he began to assemble funding for a research project that he knew would take him far from the University. It wasn't that he was bound for some remote stretch of tundra or some distant tropical rainforest — he had no plans to venture far from Edmonton — but he knew that it would be impossible to understand the world of the outlaw motorcycle club member while living as a typical university student.

Not that Wolf, who grew up in Calgary, was in any way a typical university student. He entered university (his first degree is a BA honors degree from the University of Calgary) not because all the kids on his block were doing it, but because he saw it as a way to survive. His background, in fact, was not much different from that of most of the outlaw bikers — he came from a lower-working-class family; the kids he associated with were more likely to be doing time than going to university.

These days Wolf is an adjunct professor at the University of Prince Edward Island, and he's spending more time on jets, crisscrossing the country promoting his book *The Rebels: A Brotherhood of Outlaw Bikers*, than he is on a "righteous hog." But the emotion that propelled him into university in the first place is not forgotten.

There was hate and there was anger: "I felt that society had never done me any favors, and that I owed it even less.... I didn't want to have happen to me what had happened to a lot of the people I grew up with," says Wolf, who saw his best

friend graduate from the street crimes that had been their "recreation" to auto theft and armed robbery and then get shot during a robbery attempt.

By working long hours at hard labor, Wolf was able to finance his university education. And he bought a motorcycle, riding it to express his "hate for middle class individuals — those who put me down and kept my parents in their place."

Although his grades had been barely sufficient to get him into university — "I spent as much time kicked out of high school as in it," says Wolf — he did well at university, earning one of the highest grade point averages at the University of Calgary and accumulating scholarships to finance his entry into graduate school.

The fascination that outlaw motorcycle clubs (in its strictest sense an "outlaw motorcycle club" is one that is not registered with the American Motorcycle Club in the U.S.A. or the Canadian Motorcycle Association in Canada) had for Wolf is twofold. On the one hand he saw a scholarly void: largely because of their rigid code of silence outlaw motorcycle clubs remained a subculture that had not been ethnographically explored despite the large number of clubs —

some 900 in North America. At the same time he was attracted to outlaw bikers as "a reflection of my own dark side."

It was his belief that to understand the biker subculture he would have to totally immerse himself in it: "Only by first seeing the world through the eyes of the outlaws can we then go on to render intelligible the decisions they make and the behaviors they engage in."

*The Rebels* is not only a detailed anthropological exploration of the subculture of the outlaw motorcycle club but the tale of Wolf's experiences approaching the Rebels, an outlaw motorcycle club based in Edmonton, and becoming a "friend of the club" — this status, not easily earned, is the first step to full membership in the club; from here a biker may go on to "strike" for the club and then, should he prove himself worthy during this trial period, he will be initiated into full membership.

Wolf emphasizes that in his relationship with the bikers he was not merely playing a role. "Because of my street background I

**As he crosses the country promoting his book, Wolf is spending more time on jets than on his motorcycle.**

adopted a lot of the values which in many ways pre-adapted me to this kind of existence," he says.

In *The Rebels* he writes, "The emic quality — insider's perspective — of *The Rebels* is largely due to the fact that my entry into the outlaw-biker community was not artificial, nor was my participation feigned. To the Rebels I was Coyote; to me the Rebels were friends and brothers. In my work with the Rebels I was never afforded the luxury of not having to perform or not being able to understand the rules of the outlaw game. Riding with the Rebels meant that I either learned, understood, and performed as well as any other biker who wanted to be a friend of the club, or I left the scene."

The insight Wolf gained in his relationship with the Rebels sets his book apart from other investigations of outlaw motorcycle clubs. "These books are factually correct to a large extent," says Wolf, speaking about some of the better known books about outlaw motorcycle clubs, "but what they do is they limit their perspective to the interface between the outlaw motorcycle clubs and the host society." By so doing, he explains, they fail to get beyond the facade of the powerful negative stereotype which the clubs promote for their protection and as a borderline between them and society.

And what is beyond this facade? "A brotherhood," says Wolf. A brotherhood characterized by intense, frequent ties that cover a wide range of activities, by accountability and by political control through participatory democracy. "One can agree or disagree with what outlaw motorcycle clubs do," says Wolf, "but one has to look at the fact that they (the members) do have a sense of control over the particular area they cordon off for themselves."

Wolf's contact with outlaw motorcycle clubs is limited to





the occasional party these days, but he continues to conduct research in the area of deviant urban subcultures. At present he is working with a number of criminologists introducing the concept of "territoriality" as a controlling factor in outlaw phenomena.

"The main regulatory force for outlaw motorcycle clubs is not the police; it's other outlaw motorcycle clubs," he says. Yet, he adds, the significance of this is often overlooked. "If you were to pick up a textbook on criminology today — especially one in the area of social control — you wouldn't find the word 'territoriality', which seems phenomenally absurd, given the fact that if you talk with any street gang member or outlaw motorcycle club member, that's their number one concern and number one controlling factor."

*The Rebels* is published by the University of Toronto Press, and Wolf recalls a recent visit to Toronto prior to the release of the book in late May. "I was walking down Yonge Street and I saw a lot of youth screaming for identity symbols. I saw a lot of collective searching going on, a lot of groping going on there. An outlaw biker doesn't worry about that: when he wakes up in the morning, he knows exactly who he is."

## Graduate's Contributions to Plant Science Earn Royal Honor

Christopher Somerville, '74 BSc, '76 MSc, '78 PhD, a professor of botany and plant pathology at Michigan State University, has been elected a member of the oldest and one of the most prestigious scientific societies in the world, the Royal Society of London.

Somerville is now one of only 800 members of a group that dates back to a royal

charter that was granted by King Charles II in 1662. A researcher who has made major contributions to the science of gene transfer in plants, the MSU faculty member qualifies for the almost-exclusively British society on the basis of his Canadian origins.

Somerville taught briefly at the University of Alberta



Somerville has developed the 'white rat' of the plant world.

before moving to the United States to pursue his career. Prior to accepting a position at MSU, he taught at the University of Illinois. He is noted for developing a system that speeds up identification of the plant genes that are responsible for any given characteristic in the plant.

The system utilizes *Arabidopsis*, a rapid-growing member of the mustard family. Because it contains less than one percent of the genetic material found in higher plants — making it relatively easy to isolate single genes and then locate comparable genes in economically valuable plants — *Arabidopsis* is becoming known as the white rat of the plant world.

Royal Society of London membership is not the first honor to come Somerville's way since he joined the MSU faculty in 1982. He previously received a Presidential Young Investigator Award in 1984 and the Charles A Shull Award of the American Society of Plant Pathologists in 1987.

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## Carol Reed, '76 BFA

Carol Reed's daytime job is as a program coordinator with the Smithsonian Institution's Smithsonian National Associates Program, but she's been a serious artist since the time she left high school.

She maintains a small Dupont Circle studio in Washington, and there she works at night — "if the constitution holds up" — and on weekends.

Although her works are assembled, she thinks of her technique as painting. A typical piece begins with handmade French paper, onto which she embosses patterns using relief plates on a small hand-operated printing press. She then tears the sheets apart and reassembles the pieces into an abstracted portrait of an animal or object. "I like to use symbols and ideas about the likeness without representing exact features," she says.

The completion of the work — the part of the process that can consume weeks or longer — involves adding color and drawing. The embossed lines are enhanced with pastel, acrylic and graphite.

Reed grew up in Oklahoma City and went on to study at Oklahoma State University, where she earned a BSc degree (Art education with emphasis on studio painting) in 1970 and an MSc in 1971 (housing, interior

design, textile design).

From 1971 to 1979 she was on the faculty of the Department of Clothing and Textiles at the University, teaching course in textile design. During that time she completed her BFA degree. Later she went on to studies at Mount Royal Graduate School of Painting, Maryland Institute, College of Art,

where she gained an MFA degree in 1982.

Reed's work with the Smithsonian National Associates Program involves planning worldwide cultural study tours, and the influence of the travelling she has done personally can be seen in her work. In 1987 she was invited to be a visiting lecturer at the American

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Center in Bombay and at the New Delhi School of Art, and a series of works featuring elephant shapes resulted.

Reed's work can be found in numerous public and corporate collections in Edmonton, in the Washington, D.C. and Maryland area, and as far away as the National Institute of Design in Ahmedabad, India.





'27

**Cecil Moorhouse, BSc(Eng)**, is still studying and enjoying life. At age 91 he is learning to type with all ten fingers as the oldest student at East Kootenay Community College in Golden, B.C. From 1927 until 1968, Cecil designed power transformers at Canadian Westinghouse in Hamilton, Ontario. At the time of his retirement he was the company's manager of power transformer engineering.

'32

**Arthur Lambert, Dip(Pharm)**, has just moved to a farm which he and his grandson acquired near Medicine Hat, Alberta. He reports that he keeps busy with farm records and planning.

'37

**Robert Wilson, DDS**, retired from dental practice in 1985. "Enjoying life!" he writes.

'41

**Jean Holowach-Thurston, MD**, '38 BA, remains active in medicine on a full-time basis. A

professor emeritus of pediatrics and neurology in neurochemistry and a lecturer at the School of Medicine at Washington U in St. Louis, Missouri, she recently received the Fomon-Pederson Founders Award from the Midwest Society for Pediatric Research in recognition of her contributions in developing the careers of academic pediatricians and fostering advances in pediatric research.

**William Haddad, LLB**, '41 BA, formerly of the Court of Appeal of Alberta retired in November 1990. **Winnifred Bridges, BSc**, resigned as a minister of the United Church of Canada last October and has been received and is serving as a minister of the Reformed Church in Canada.

**Jeanie Tronningsdal (Clark)**, BSc(Nu), '40 Dip(Nu), who is associated with three long-term care facilities in Creston, B.C., serves as a member of the Seniors' Advisory Council for the Province of British Columbia.

'45

**Michael Bevan, BSc(Ag)**, who continues to be involved in the tourist industry in St. Lucia, West Indies, spends much of his time

travelling.

**Gerard Breton, MD**, recently received senior life membership in the Saskatchewan College of Physicians and Surgeons.

'48

**Wilf Sutherland, BCom**, and his wife have moved to Victoria to be closer to family and enjoy retirement in milder climes.

**Harald Schwarz, MD**, of Edmonton was recently awarded the Golden Emblem of Honor for services to the Republic of Austria.

'50

**Norman Orr, BSc(Eng)**, president of Noranco Development, an Edmonton-based engineering consulting firm, has been elected president of the Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta.

'52

**Barry Pierce, MD**, '49 BSc, '50 MSc, is the 1991 recipient of the Gold-Headed Cane Award of the American Association of Pathology in recognition of his distinguished career in pathology.

Dr. Pierce is Centennial Distinguished Research Professor of Pathology at the U of Colorado, where he was chair of the pathology department for 14 years. A former president of the American Association of Pathology, he is credited with making fundamental contributions to the understanding of the control of cellular differentiation in cancer.

**Laura Robertson (Hilton)**, Dip(Ed), lives in Victoria, B.C. Although disabled she does some volunteer work teaching English as a second language.

'54

**June Lore (Oel)**, BSc(NU), '53 Dip(NU), is president of the Society which is developing the Western Heritage Centre at the Cochrane Ranch Historic Site west of Calgary. The Centre, scheduled to open in the spring of 1992, is designed to be a world-class centre presenting "the real face of the Canadian West, from frontier days to the future and the chuckwagon to the computer."

**Fred Cenaiko, MD**, has been appointed to the Saskatchewan Order of Merit, that province's highest honor. A former mayor of

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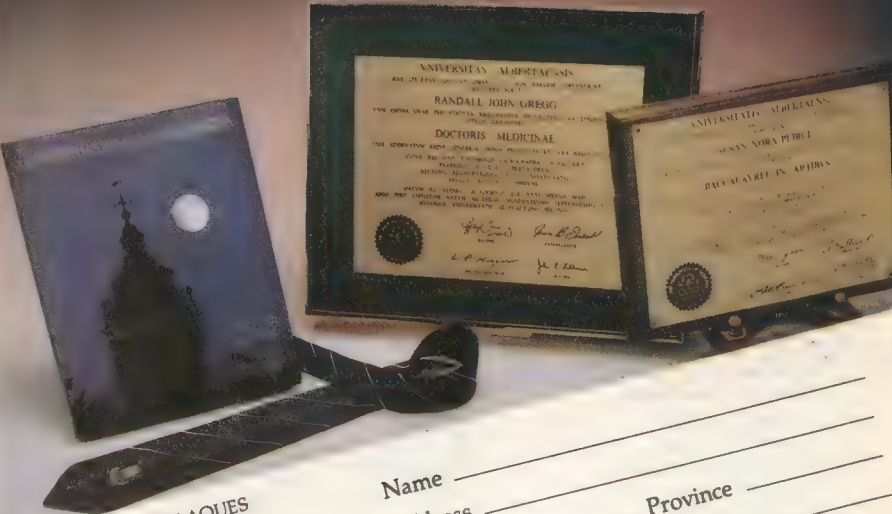
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Wakaw, where he began practising in 1955, he spends his annual vacation time as a missionary doctor in Honduras.

## '56

**Colin Oddie**, BSc(Pharm), of Lethbridge, plans to retire from hospital administration at the end of this year to return to doing relief pharmacy work in Lethbridge and southern Alberta.

## '57

**Kenneth Moore**, MSc, '55 BSc(Pharm), who is professor and chair in the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology at Michigan State U recently received long-term support for his research program in the form of a Merit Award from the National Institute of Mental Health in the U.S. and a Javitz Award in Neuroscience from the U.S. National Institutes of Health.

**Charles Simmons**, BEd, '50 BSc(Eng), who is retired, writes that he's relocated within Alberta — from Black Diamond to Stony Plain. "Time marches on and dictates we move to a smaller house and to be nearer our families."

## '58

**Robert Brawn**, BSc(Eng), the chairman of the board and CEO of Danjelyn Resources, has been named a co-chairman of the Calgary Economic Development Authority.

**Karel Konig**, DDS, reports from London, England that he has spent the better part of the last year in bed recovering from a second degree burn to his back accidentally sustained during sleep.

**Cameron Strong**, MD, has been named chair of the personnel committee of the board of governors of the Mayo Clinic and Foundation, Rochester, Minnesota.

## '59

**George Goldsand**, MD, an Edmonton internist and infectious diseases specialist who serves as associate dean for postgraduate medical education at the U of Alberta, has been elected governor for the Alberta chapter of the American College of Physicians.

## '60

**Rita Sears**, BA, is currently reading for an honors degree in law at

the School of Law of the U of Hull in England.

**Donald Glover**, BCom, who spent most of his career with the London Life Insurance Company, has been named executive vice-president of the Life Underwriters Association of Canada.

## '64

**Douglas Colton**, PhD, '59 BSc(Eng), '60 MSc, director of university and government technical relations at Northern Telecom Electronics and president of the non-profit Canadian Microelectronics Corporation since 1984, was awarded an honorary Doctor of Engineering degree by Carleton U in June 1990. He was cited for having made outstanding contributions to "the emergence of a microelectronics industry in Canada and to the transfer of strategically important technological expertise from the universities to the private sector." From 1965 to 1984, Dr Colton oversaw basic silicon research and development at Bell Northern Research and at Northern Telecom Electronics. During this time he managed the group responsible for early work on the implementation of the

filter-codec devices which helped make Northern Telecom a world leader in digital communications. **Helmut Neldner**, BCom, who was named president of Alberta Government Telephones in 1984, is spearheading the company's efforts to recast itself as a private-sector telecommunications company with the new name Telus Corporation.

## '67

**Olaf Skjenna**, MD, formerly senior director, medical services for Air Canada, has been named chief medical officer, occupational health, safety and environment for Canada Post Corporation. He also serves as president of the Canadian Society of Aerospace Medicine.

**Thomas Wilson**, MD, is professor of pharmacology and medicine and head of the division of clinical pharmacology at the U of Saskatchewan.

**Alan Bell**, MEd, '53 BA, '55 BEd has been appointed secretary of the Men's Canadian Club, Edmonton Branch. On behalf of the Edmonton Branch, he accepted the parent Club's Silver Award for 1990.

## In Memoriam

The Alumni Association extends condolences to the families and friends of the following:

**Eleanor Silver Keeping** '23 BSc, '24 MSc March 1991/Edmonton  
**Edna Irene Bullock** '24 BA April 1991/Wetaskiwin, Alberta  
**Barbara Lloyd Cormack** '24 BA, '83 LLD(Honorary) May 1991/Edmonton

**Neil Philip Primrose** '26 LLB March 1991/Edmonton

**Jessie Mayo Walker (Redig)** '26 BSc(HEC) April 1991/Penticton, B.C.

**Hanna Kallman** '27 Dip(Nu) May 1991/Edmonton

**William Robert Foster** '28 BSc(Ag), '30 MSc April 1991/Victoria

**William James Siebert** '29 DDS November 1990/Rosthern, Saskatchewan

**Thomas Davis Tanton** '29 LLB February 1991/Victoria

**Grace Lesley Cook** '30 BSc(HEC), '43 BEd March 1991/Edmonton

**Gladys Alberta Douglas** '30 BSc(HEC) March 1991/Calgary

**James Lyle Wyatt** '30 DDS November 1990/Victoria

**Gordon Neil Patterson** '31 BSc(Eng), '58 LLD(Honorary) February 1991/Owen Sound,

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**Helmut Kohnke** '32 MSc February 1991/West Lafayette, Indiana

**Arnold Edward Henderson** '34 MA May 1991/Edmonton

**Margaret Mary Hurlburt (MacDonald)** '37 BA May 1991/St. Lambert, Quebec

**Olav Rostup** '37 MD May 1991/Victoria

**Bruce MacQueen Springbett** '37 BA, '38 MA May 1991/Victoria

**Robert William Bailie** '38 Dip(Pharm) October 1990

**Morris Bay** '39 DDS January 1991

**Elen Hildur Richardson** '40 Dip(Nu) November 1990/Australia

**Theodore Hackie** '43 DDS October 1990/Kelowna, B.C.

**Joan Edythe Dickins (Virtue)** '44 BA, '45 BEd March 1991/Edmonton

**Morris Wilburn Hawkey** '44 BSc(Pharm) March 1991/Edmonton

**Frances Gonzales (Warshawski)** '46 BSc, '48 MD March 1991/Anaheim Hills, California

**George Dionisi Kravetz** '47 BEd, '61 MEd March 1991/Edmonton

**Richard Ernest Pettifor** '47 BEd, '48 MEd, '64 PhD May 1991/Edmonton

**James Hedley Wood** '47 BEd May 1991/Edmonton

**Mona Jean Horn (Michi)** '48 BSc(HEC), '50 BEd April 1991

### Harry Edwin Newsom

'48 Dip(Ed), '49 BEd March 1991/Kamloops, B.C.

**Walter Salamandick** '49 BSc(Eng) March 1991/Edmonton

**Kurt Rudolf Depner** '50 BSc(Ag), '56 MSc, '65 PhD March 1991/Sidney, British Columbia

**Gustave Theodore Lindschoog** '50 DDS May 1991/Edmonton

**Stanley Wetherell** '50 BSc(Ag) April 1991/Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

**William Montgomery Chinneck** '51 BSc(Ag), '59 BEd May 1991/Edmonton

**Wilbert George Bevington** '53 BEd, '57 MEd June 1991/Edmonton

**Stanley Miller** '53 BSc(Pharm) May 1991/Edmonton

**Jacob David Herman** '54 BEd July 1990/Edmonton

**Gordon Alexander Stewart** '54 BSc January 1991

**Lloyd Douglas Baldwin** '55 BSc(Pharm) April 1991

**William Luka** '57 BEd, '62 BSc, '73 Dip(Ed) April 1991/Edmonton

**Douglas Lloyd Brooks** '58 BCom April 1991/Vancouver

**Thomas Alexander Edge** '63 BA, '73 BLS April 1991/Edmonton

**Wendy Learmond (Clute)** '65 Dip(PhNu), '66 BSc(Nu) March 1991/Point Claire, Quebec

**Gloria Maria Hebein** '66 BEd

March 1991/Athabasca, Alberta

**Lynne Ellen Wright Nord (Jensen)** '68 DDS December 1990/Edmonton

**Gary Douglas Grand** '69 BSc, '71 BSc(Eng) May 1991/Germany

**Daniel Henry Mulgrew** '69 BSc, '73 BEd March 1991/Edmonton

**Bernard Joseph Becher** '70 BEd June 1991/Grimshaw, Alberta

**John Stanley Misik** '70 BEd May 1991/St. Albert, Alberta

**Frits Went** '71 LLD(Honorary) May 1990/Nevada

**Thomas Robert Lancaster** '72 BCom May 1991/Edmonton

**Ariel Yvonne Renata Boilen** '73 BSc(Med), '77 MD May 1991/Vancouver

**Daniel George Dancocks** '73 BA, May 1991

**Hugh Nicholas Tighe** '74 BEd March 1991/Edmonton

**Herbert Edward Westgate** '74 BSc(Forest) August 1990/Vancouver

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**Gail Beverley Gilewich** '80 Dip(OT), '87 MSc May 1991/Sherwood Park, Alberta

**Wade James Shipka** '83 BSc(Forest) April 1991

**Joseph MacMillan Malone** '86 LLD(Honorary) May 1991/Edmonton



'68

**Robert Martin, BEd, '72**  
Dip(Ed), of Edmonton is now retired.

**Dennis Boon, BA, and Joyce Boon (Stapleton), BSc,** live in Kelowna, B.C. He practises law with the firm of Porter Ramsay. She is a college professor at Okanagan College, where she teaches biology.

**Volkmar Pohl, BSc(Eng),** of Spartan Controls Ltd. of Edmonton recently received an Individual Sales Achievement Award from Fisher Controls International Ltd. of Marshalltown, Iowa. He was one of only 11 members of a sales force of more than 800 to receive the honor.

#### MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Lynne Ellen Nord (Jensen), '68 DDS, of Edmonton passed away in Edmonton on December 20, 1990 after a lengthy illness. Memorial contributions may be made to the 'Dr Lynne Nord Scholarship' for pediatric dentistry, U of A Development Office, 450 Athabasca Hall, Edmonton T6G 2E8.

'69

**Judith Anderson (Wright), LLB, '68 BA,** has become a partner in the Vancouver law firm Campney & Murphy. She is a member of the firm's labor and education law department.

'70

**Kathleen Taylor, BA, '58**  
Dip(Ed), '64 BEd, was named the Town of Ponoka Citizen of the Year for 1990. "Twig" has served her community in many capacities, including 10 years of service on the Ponoka Library Board.  
**Patricia Cavill, BLS, '68 BA,** of Calgary has established "Pat Cavill Consulting" to serve libraries across North America in the areas of communication and marketing.

'71

**James McFarlane, BSc,** who lives in West Vancouver, has a computer software marketing firm specializing in the heavy construction industry.  
**Barbara Hoar (Cleall),** Dip(RehabMed), reports that she is enjoying her career as director of physical therapy, Toronto region for the Arthritis Society of Ontario's Consultation and Therapy Services, a community home service.  
**Ann Hockey (Ginn),**

Dip(RehabMed), who was recently remarried, enjoys life in B.C. She is now a certified travel counsellor.

**James Richl, MBA,** is now general manager for the Alberta real estate activities of Sterling Development Corporation.

**Robert Bertram, MBA,** has moved to a new job in Toronto. He is senior vice-president, investments for the Ontario Teachers Pension Plan Board.

'72

**Gerald Labrie, MBA, '71 BCom,** was recently granted tenure at Calgary's Mount Royal College, where he is an instructor in business administration.

'73

**Randall Way, BCom,** recently accepted an honor from the International Downtown Association. The Citation for Downtown Excellence in Marketing was presented for Edmonton's Santa Claus Parade, which took place indoors in the downtown area.

**Gordon Ashley-Smith, BEd,** went to Thailand after graduation and taught English for three years as a CUSO volunteer. He now teaches English as a second language in a Calgary junior high school.

**Frank Cosentino, PhD, '69 MA,** teaches courses in the history and philosophy of physical education as a professor in the Department of Physical Education, Recreation and Athletics at York U. He has written various books, including the recently-released *The Renfrew Millionaires: Valley Boys of Winter 1910*, which takes the reader back to the birth of the NHL.

**William Bagshaw, BSc,** is pursuing an MBA at the U of Western Ontario.

**Robert Renwick, BLS,** has moved to Puerto Rico, where he is working in the fashion industry with Felix Karlo Inc. and studying Spanish at the U of Puerto Rico.

**Nikolaus Beringer, DDS, '69 BSc,** and **Alexis Beringer (King), '67 BEd, '87 BFA,** have moved to Victoria, where he has purchased a dental practice. She continues to paint and is currently working towards two fall shows in Edmonton: these are scheduled to be held at Wecan and Visions Gallery.

**Oksana Suchowersky, BSc,** is now an associate professor of neurology at the U of Calgary, where he earned his MD in 1978. He is currently involved in research related to Parkinson's

Disease.

'74

**Christina Lo, BCom,** is taking up the position of director, corporate services at the Hong Kong Sports Institute.

**Francis Kibera, MBA,** earned a PhD in business at the U of Toronto and is now an associate professor in the Faculty of Commerce at the U of Nairobi in Kenya.

**Valerie Fielding, MA, '69 BA,** has joined the faculty of Camrose Lutheran College, where she will teach in the College's new French language program.

'75

**Donald Stark, MD, '73**  
BSc(Med), was recently elected president of the Canadian Society of Allergy and Clinical Immunology. Dr. Stark is in clinical practice in allergy and clinical immunology in Vancouver and is an assistant professor at the UBC Faculty of Medicine.

**Janet Bystrom, BSc,** who went on to earn a doctor of veterinary medicine degree and later a master of science degree at the U of Saskatchewan, is a veterinary pa-

thologist for Manitoba Agriculture. She and her husband raise honey bees on their hobby farm west of Winnipeg.

**Emmanuel Egbogah, MSc,** who earned a PhD in petroleum reservoir engineering from Imperial College, London, recently joined Petronas Carigali Sdn Bhd as technical advisor in petroleum engineering. PCSB is an exploration production subsidiary of Petroliaam Nasional Berhad, the state oil corporation of Malaysia in Kuala Lumpur.

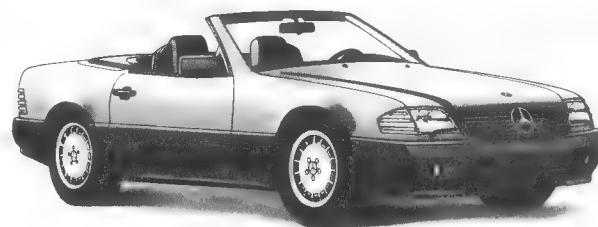
**Myron Pyzyk, BSc,** lives in Mississauga, Ontario and travels extensively across Canada, the U.S. and Europe in his position as manager of cardiovascular, rheumatological and psychiatric clinical research at Hoffman-La Roche Ltd.

'76

**Joseph Belicek, MSc,** was recently named regional environmental superintendent in the Western Regional Office, Edmonton of Transport Canada, Airports.

**Desmond Mahoney, BSc,** who was married this spring in Roanoke, Virginia is enjoying life as the assistant golf pro at Mililani

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## '77

**Larry Annis, MSc**, is working as a consulting engineer with James M. Montgomery Consulting Engineers Inc., Pasadena, California.

**Kevin Gillese, BA**, after having practiced law in Toronto for three years, has joined the B.C. Attorney-General to work in the areas of constitutional and civil litigation.

**Dale McAuley, BSc(Eng)**, has been named vice-president, production by Altex Resources, which has its headquarters in Calgary.

**John Wright, MA**, and his wife and three children live in White City, Saskatchewan. He is deputy minister of finance for the Government of Saskatchewan.

**Kristine Demers (von Wackerbarth), BEd**, is teaching in



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Calgary. She is married and has two children.

## '78

**Sharon Kropiniski (Hawrelak), BA**, enjoys life in the Okanagan with her husband and two sons. She is a social worker for the child protection branch of B.C. Social Services.

**Leigh Heald (Hushagen), BSc(Pharm)**, writes that she and her husband have decided they are staying in the East and have bought a house in London, Ontario ("But we are still Westerners at heart!"). She works in community pharmacy and is kept "very busy and very happy" by her two sons.

**Joy McGregor (Martin), MEd, '67 BEd** is working on a PhD in library and information studies at Florida State U.

**Dianne Woods, MBA**, has been granted tenure at Mount Royal College in Calgary, where she teaches marketing and salesmanship.

**Laurie Milton (Telford), MSc, '74 BSc(HEC)**, coordinator of general business in the Department of Business Administration at Mount Royal College in Calgary, has been granted tenure there.

**Wesley Alton, LLB, '72 BCom**, has joined the law firm of Fowle and Company in Penticton, B.C.

**James Stefancik, BSc**, has returned to the U of Queensland in Australia to do a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering.

**Yuk Wong, BSc**, is senior manager in Excel Consultancy Ltd., an information technology consultancy and software development firm in Hong Kong.

**Mary Oldring, MBA, '62 BSc(Pharm)**, who served as project manager for Edmonton's River Valley Development Group, has been appointed director of the economic development department of the Edmonton Economic Development Authority.

## '79

**James Wiswell, BA**, who earned an MBA at Dalhousie, now manages the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce's Downtown East Corporate Banking Centre in Toronto.

**Donald Man, BSc**, is currently living in Daly City, California and writes that he is involved in a great marketing business.

**Jean Patenaude, BA**, is president of Patenaude Communications, a company specializing in film and video productions, translation

services and consultation in the area of media relations.

**Francis Skulsky, DDS**, whose first child, a son, was born late last year, has moved back to Calgary after completing a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery at Victoria General Hospital in Halifax.

**George Forster, BSc**, is manager, development for financial systems with Canada's largest oil and gas software vendor, QBYTE.

## '80

**Herbert Payne, MEd, '74 BEd**, who has served as a teacher-librarian in Nanaimo, B.C. is retiring.

**Karen Hansen, BA**, is transferring to serve as priest to the Anglican parish in Powell River, B.C.

**George Lovell, PhD, '75 MA**, is an associate professor in the Department of Geography at Queen's U in Ontario. He has recently received support from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council to further his research into ethnic relations in colonial Guatemala.

**Richard Aistrope, BPE**, has begun work on his fifth degree — he is beginning doctoral studies at Kent State U in Ohio, where he will major in educational curriculum. "Education is a never-ending process," writes the father of a son born this spring.

**Bernd Henzler, BSc(Eng)**, is living in Kamloops, where he is wood products engineering manager for the B.C. division of Weyerhaeuser Canada.

**Michael Nielsen, BSc**, and **Marion Nielsen (Francis), '72 Dip(Nu), '83 BSc(Nu)**, and their preschool daughter, live in Summer Hill, New South Wales, Australia. She teaches a post-basic operating room nursing course part-time. He owns his own computer software company.

**Derrick Armstrong, LLB**, has become a partner in the Calgary office of Ogilvie and Company, where he is involved in the general practice of law.

## '81

**Douglas Hawkins, BCom**, and **Doreen Hawkins (Fischer), '72 Dip(RehabMed), '84 BSc(PT)**, write that they continue to enjoy living in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia ("now scudless"), where both have been working for the RKH Military Hospital since early 1989. They and their two children maintain a home base in Calgary and are enjoying travelling to many different countries.

**Catherine Allison, BSc(Pharm)**, after having spent three years travelling and teaching English in South America, is now working at the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario in Ottawa.

**Amin Murji, BSc**, of Edmonton is president of Amtech Computer Systems.

**Susan Gough, BSc(HEC)**, and **Richard Gough, '82 BCom**, have moved to Oakville, Ontario from Calgary as a result of a job transfer for Richard, who works in sales and marketing for IVACO Steel Co. Susan is a full-time homemaker to their five children. **Gregory Rotto, BCom**, who has been appointed director of internal audit for New Zealand's department of social welfare, reports that he is "enjoying the clean, warm and beautiful South Pacific."

## '82

**Lawrence Gagnon, MSc, '80 BSc**, and **Andrea Gagnon (Smith), BSc**, write that they have been "living in Sydney, Australia for the past nine years and loving it." He is a senior explorationist for Ampol Exploration, involved in oil exploration in Papua New Guinea. She is a staff systems programmer for IBM Australia. Both are looking forward to a break from work in 1992 - they plan to sail up Australia's eastern seaboard.

**Kevin Neveu, BSc(Eng)**, has recently been appointed the area operations manager responsible for Europe, Africa and the Middle East by National Oilwell Inc., a worldwide oilfield equipment manufacturing and supply company. He has relocated to London, England to assume this position.

**John Peterson, BCom**, is an accounting analyst with Canadian Western Natural Gas and Northwestern Utilities Limited.

**Duane Bray, BPE**, who teaches in Irma, Alberta was a recipient of one of the Province's "Excellence in Teaching" awards.

**Gordon Gee, BCom**, of Calgary has received the Chartered Financial Analyst designation from the Association for Investment Management and Research.

**Leslie Irving, BCom**, lives in Vancouver, where she was married late last year.

## '83

**Malcolm Imray, BSc(Eng)**, worked as a pilot based in High Level, Alberta for a year and then spent a year travelling around the world with his fiancée. He now



works as a pilot/engineer for Sander Geophysics in Kanata, Ontario.

**Peter Newton**, LLB, has become a partner in the Edmonton law firm Matheson & Company.

**Michelle Rodrigue-Poscente**, BPE, lives in Rocky Mountain House, Alberta with her husband and child. She earned a diploma in biological sciences - pollution and environment from NAIT.

**James Pfeiffer**, BMus, earned a master's degree in music from Northwestern U. The director of the music ministry "Higher Ground," he recently returned from a crusade in Jamaica.

## '84

**Jay Falcone**, BCom, works as a senior compensation analyst with Syncrude Canada Ltd. in Fort McMurray.

**James Rea**, BCom, reports that he is currently "skiing, hiking, windsurfing, golfing, playing tennis, cycling and generally enjoying life on the West Coast, while working for KPMG Peat Marwick Thorne in Abbotsford, B.C." Jim and his wife would welcome contact from fellow graduates.

**Bradley Umpherville**, BEd, and

**Kelly Stewart**, BEd, live in Edmonton. Kelly teaches learning disabled students at the Edmonton Academy, a private school. Brad teaches at the junior high school in Calmar and coaches the senior basketball team.

**Donald Rothwell**, LLM, and **Mary Gibson**, '88 LLM, reside in Australia. He is a lecturer in the U of Sydney's Faculty of Law. She is a solicitor with the New South Wales department of planning. **Michelle Crighton**, LLB, '81 BA, is a new partner in the firm McLennan Ross, Barristers and Solicitors in Edmonton.

## '85

**Jill Yang (Fraser)**, BEd, '81 BA, is teaching English as a second language in Waterloo, Ontario.

**Fred Alexandruk**, MEd, '64 BEd, '68 BA, has retired after 35 years of teaching and school administration to pursue development of Pinehurst Lake Wilderness Resort in the Lakeland region of Alberta.

**Joanne Wyllie (Casey)**, BCom, and **Mark Wyllie**, '87 BSc(Eng), are both working for Syncrude Canada Ltd. in Fort McMurray, Alberta. She is a cost analyst. He is a mining engineer.

**Rory Schlosser**, MMus, '83 BMus,

has received recognition for his dedicated service to Camrose Lutheran College, where he is an assistant professor of music.

**George Kalinowski**, LLB, '82 BA, was admitted to the New Brunswick bar in 1990 and is now practising as an associate with the Fredericton law firm Petrie Richmond Clarke.

**June Chipman**, Cert(Arts), '84 BA, is advertising sales manager for *Quill & Quire*. Canada's book publishing trade magazine *Quill & Quire* is based in Toronto.

**David Mumm**, BCom, works for Informix Software Scandinavia AB, Stockholm and is engaged to a recent graduate of Stockholm U. **Deborah Prophet (Grimes)**, BSc(HEc), is back in school and "loving every minute of it."

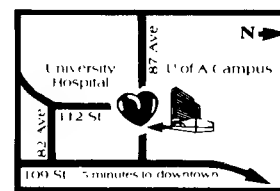
She is doing a master's degree in education at Niagara U, Lewistown, New York. She writes that on a recent Texas vacation she met up with two '87 Engineering grads from the U of A — "Hello to Marnie Vegesi and Paul Wohlgomuth."

**Julie Boyer (Laramée)**, BCom, '81 BA, and her husband had a son last year. She is a mortgage broker with Aero Mortgages in Calgary.

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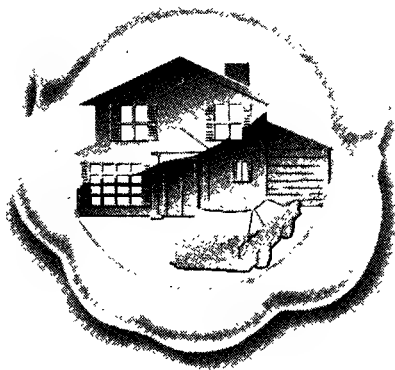
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## '86

**Douglas Schalin**, BMus, spent the past five years as music director of St. Andrew's United Church, Edmonton, where he was involved in the selection and installation of the church's new pipe organ. He is now off to Germany, where he is enrolled in the Berliner Kirchenmusikschule.

**Mark Giles**, BPE, and **Christine Giles**, '88 BEd, and their two sons live in Calgary, where he is an officer with the Calgary Police, and she is a drama teacher with the Calgary School Board.

**Susan Hammond**, BSc, who has been working for a Kelowna, B.C. marketing agency, has been appointed general manager of B.C. Tourism's new Okanagan information centre.

**Anna Mah (Leong)**, BEd, was married recently. She is assistant branch supervisor for the Woodcroft Branch of the Edmonton Public Library.

**Chet Chan**, Cert(Sc), is working for Shell Canada in Calgary as system manager/administrator of the geophysical processing cluster (VAX/CRAY/SUN), SIPMAP.

**Robert Pringle**, BA, works for Ad-Viser Publications in Red Deer as the editor of the weekly newspaper *The Sunday Express*.

**Mark Matsune**, BSc, is teaching English at Sapporo U in Japan.

**Hoi-Keung Yim**, MSc, lives in Hong Kong where he is involved in software analysis.

**Andrew Scott**, BSc(Eng), and **Antoinette Scott (Chambers)**, '90 BA, built a new house in Edmonton last year. He is project manager with the IDACOM division of Hewlett-Packard. She is a tele-service specialist for Softwarehouse.

**Charlene Spicer**, BEd, and her husband, who will be attending college there, have moved to England for a year. At last report she was searching for a temporary position and enjoying sight-seeing.

**Tracey Numrich (Smith)**, BSc(PT), works as a physiotherapist at Red Deer Regional Hospital.

**Bradley Anderson**, BCom, has been named property manager, Edmonton Branch by Edgecombe Properties Ltd.

**Shirley Hopkinson**, PhD, '81 BEd, '82 MEd, who teaches elementary school in Washington, D.C. was selected as Teacher of the Year for the District of Columbia Public Schools in its 1990-91 competition, and was, at last report, one of four teachers being considered in the national U.S. competition for Teacher of the Year.

## '87

**Landis Jackson**, MEd, '79 BEd, '83 Dip(Ed), who chairs the secretarial arts program at Mount Royal College, Calgary has been granted tenure at the institution.

**Margaret Plunz**, BEd, is administrator of the IBM PALS Literacy Program in La Ronge, Saskatchewan.

**Helen Maczala (Sadgrove)**, BSc(AgEng), is a project engineer with Alberta Transportation in Peace River.

**Kerry-Lynn Engel (Schwing)**, BSc(HEC), is working in Westlock as the district home economist for Alberta Agriculture.

**Teresa Brown**, BEd, lives in Christchurch, New Zealand, where she is a careers counsellor and full-time teacher in a private girls' school. She is also studying towards an MEd degree with specialization in counselling.

**Victoria Jones**, BCom, won the Bronze Medal as one of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Alberta's three top achievers on the most recent national CA Uniform Final Examination. She works for Peat Marwick Thorne in Edmonton.

**Hugh Neilson**, BCom, was the Gold Medal winner from Alberta

and the national Silver Medalist in the recent CA Uniform Final Examination. He works at the Edmonton firm of Gardiner Karbani Audy & Partners.

**Ruth Reminsky**, BSc(Eng), lives in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia and is a process engineer with Michelin Tires (Canada) Ltd.

**Daniel Kalantar**, BSc, is a graduate student in physics at Cornell U.

## '88

**Nathan Lodoen**, BSc(Eng), who lives in Kitchener and works for Mutual Life, recently bought his first house. He has wedding plans set for July.

**Christine Digout (Vaughan)**, BEd, '85 BA, who works in the area of labor market information with the Canada Employment Centre in Yorkton, Saskatchewan, is on maternity leave following the birth of her first child, a son.

**Donna Weitz-Kayne**, BA, is development coordinator at Concordia College, Edmonton.

**Cara Koropchuk**, BA, keeps busy writing and working for the Writers Guild of Alberta.

**Brian Spence**, BCom, is the winner of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Alberta's first annual Norman Wildgoose Award for demonstrating excellence in professional training, client services and community involvement throughout the CA program.

**Lee-Ann Leitch**, BCom, who works in the tax group at Coopers & Lybrand in Edmonton was the Alberta Silver Medalist in the 1990 CA Uniform Final Examination.

**Tine Steen-Dekker (Steen)**, BEd, teaches art and English and is the Early Childhood Services supervisor at Little Buffalo Native Settlement in Northern Alberta.

**Christine Hennes (Watson)**, BEd, reports that she married a farmer from Eatonia, Saskatchewan and is hoping to find a job teaching elementary school in the area.

**Rikia Saddy**, BA, graduated from the American Graduate School of International Management with an MIM last year. She now works in New York for the advertising agency Becker Spielroegel Bates Worldwide Inc.

## '89

**Wynne Eng**, BEd, who taught in the Edmonton Public School District since graduation, is returning to teach in Vancouver for the 1991-92 school term.

**Albert Kwan**, BSc(Eng), is finish-

ing his MSc degree in civil engineering at the U of A.

**Jason Gerlitz**, BSc(Eng), lives in Don Mills, Ontario, where he is a mechanical engineer involved in building design.

**Trevor Fitzgerald**, MSc, '86 BSc and **Jody Fitzgerald (Tetreau)**, '88 BSc, were married this spring and are living in Calgary, where he works for the Tom Baker Cancer Centre.

**Roger Bauman**, LLB, '80 BEd, who completed an honors degree in law at Leeds U, is practising marketing and general intellectual property law with the Intellectual Property Group in the Toronto offices of Blake, Cassels & Graydon.

**Debkumar Rakshit**, MSc, works in Toronto as a staff engineer with Hamilton Gear and Machine Company.

**Tracey Sutherland**, BEd, is a kindergarten teacher at Evansdale School in Edmonton.

**Shannon McKenzie**, BSc(Ag), and her husband have moved to New Brunswick from Montreal and she is working as a zookeeper at the St. John Zoo.

## '90

**Dirk de Boer**, PhD, is an assistant professor with the Department of Geography at the U of Saskatchewan.

**David Challoner**, BSc(Eng), now works for Interprovincial Pipe Line in Edmonton.

**Marilyn Archibald**, MNU, and her husband and two sons are living in Whitehorse, Yukon.

**James McAra**, BPE, is recreation director for the hamlet of Fort Franklin in the N.W.T.

**Yair Leibovitz**, LLB, '87 BCom, is an associate with the law firm of Rubin & Maisonville in Vancouver.

**Anthony Pizarro**, BA, is pursuing an MA in political studies at Queen's U in Ontario.

**Robert Friedland**, LLB, has been appointed the chief lawyer for the Chilcotin Justice Council, Alexis Creek, B.C.

**Jian Chen**, PhD, lives in Mississauga, Ontario and is doing post-doctoral work at Syntex Inc. (Canada) looking for new drugs to treat diseases, especially AIDS.

**Donald Filipchuk**, BSc, is a programmer/analyst for Shell Canada, assigned to exploration data systems. He is active in the Calgary Ukrainian dance community, performing with the Tryzub Ukrainian Dance Ensemble, serving on the board of directors and teaching Ukrainian dance to young children.

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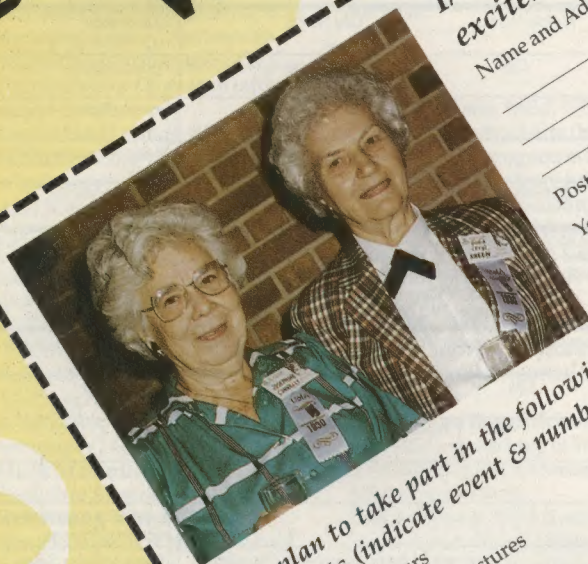
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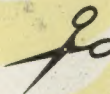
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#### Luncheon

Faculty Club  
12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m.

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### Reception, Dinner & Dance

Featuring fine dining, speaker Dr. John Paterson and dancing to the popular sound of the Golden Altos.

Westin Hotel  
6:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

### St. Stephen's Homecoming Dinner and Dance

Convention Centre  
6:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

### Sunday

#### President's Brunch

President and Mrs. Paul Davenport host graduates from the Classes of 1931, 1941 and the first graduating class of the Faculty of Education (1943).

Mayfair Golf and Country Club  
11:00 a.m.

#### St. Steve's Luncheon

Holiday Crowne Plaza  
12:30 p.m.

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